



CRUISE
OF
COMFORT
And Godly
PRAYERS
With
Thankful
Remembrance
of Gods won-
derful deliv-
erances of this
Land.

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THE
PRINTER
TO THE
READER.

Courteous Reader,

THE truth I said
in the former
Editions of this Book
the desire of a Prayer

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To the Reader.

Book in this Volume,
was the first motive
that made me gather
some Prayers out of
divers Mens Works,
which were either not
common, or out of
Print; and to get some
Godly Ministers of
mine acquaintance, and
so make up this Book
of Crums, which I
therefore first so called,
of the manner of ga-
thering.

To the Reader.

thering. And being desirous to keep the Title and Manner of the Book, because I see it is well accepted of some good People, now to thy Forty One Edition, I have obtained of a good Friend the Revising and Correcting of it in many things; who because of the Title, hath thought fit to place in some of the first

A 3 Leafs,

To the Reader,

Leas, certain passages
of Scriptures, by which
example thou mayst ga-
ther more for like occa-
sion, and for which it
may more justly bear
the name, The Crums
of Comfort; to whom
I have also been behol-
den for some special
Prayers and Thank-
givings. And though
before I used the letters
of their names, out of
whose

To the Reader.

whose Writings I had collected some of the Prayers; yet now, lest any offence should be taken, I forbear, wishing thy true good and comfort in this, and all thou readeſt; and reſt,

Thine in the Lord,

M. S.

A 4 What

To the Reader

My dear Reader,
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the
10th inst. and am
glad to hear that
you are well and
hope that you will
continue to be so.
I am, Sir, very
truly, your obedient
servant.

John Smith

London

What Prayer is.

I.

PRaye is a serious
lifting up of our
hearts unto God, in
the Name of Christ Iesus,
either to crave needful
things, or to give thanks
for things received.



*What time we are to take for
Prayer.*

2 **W**E ought always
to pray, at least
three times a day: In the

A S Morn-

Cirums of

Morning, at Noon, and at Night. There are three special occasions for it: The entrance upon the days calling; the receiving of Gods creatures for our enabling; going to rest after our travel. Look back in these, how God hath preserved, provided, & blessed thee, and they are answerable occasions of praise. See Dan. 10. and Psal. 55. 17. evening and morning, and at noon, will I praise thee. And in Ps. 119. 164. Seven times a day do I praise thee. And more the Apostle in 1 Thes. 5. 17. faith Pray continually. And v. 18. In all things give thanks.

First,

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*First, prepare thy heart, then
seek the Lord by Prayer.*

3 IF thou art to come be-
fore a King, or great
Person, thou wilt consider
for what thou comest to
him; and wilt order thy
self, in *behaviour*, *apparel*,
and *words*, and frame thy
self to all dutiful *reverence*
and *seemliness*: Much more
order thy self to come be-
fore thy Glorious Crea-
tor, the King of Kings.
Eccles 5.2. Be not rash with
thy mouth, and let not thy
heart be hasty to utter a
thing before God; for God is

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in the Heavens, and thou art
on the Earth, therefore let
thy words be few.

What gesture we are to use
in Prayer.

4 *THE* most decent, &
fittest gesture is *knee-*
ling, and looking up to *Hea-*
ven, especially when we
desire mercy, grace or any
blessing to come down up-
on us; *crouching* or *looking*
downwards to the *Earth*,
when we remember and
bemoan our sinful life past,
Acts 7. 60.

Yet any decent gesture
may be used, so it be come-
ly, and serve for our furthe-
rance in devotion, or better
ex-

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expressing our affections.
It may be either in going,
standing, sitting, or lying.

We may pray also either
with voice, as David in his
Psalms; or in silence, as
Moses and Nehemiah.

Besides our most special
Devotions at set times; we
may use Ejaculations at all
times upon every occasion;
which are short desires of
the heart lifted up to God
with great fervency.

Why God sometimes doth not
bear our Prayers.

First because sometimes
we do ask we know
not what, Mat. 20, 22. And
Jesus

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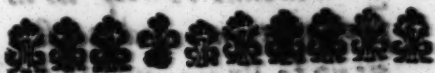
Jesus answered and said, Ye ask ye know not what. The things may be good, but not good or fit for us.

Another reason, because we ask amiss. James 4. 2. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may lay out the same upon your pleasures.

God doth also defer sometimes in that which he will hear, and delays granting what we desire, that he may the more stir up our Faith and Hope, and make us more careful and diligent to pray; and that we may the better esteem his Gifts when we have them, and shew our selves more

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more thankful and obedient unto him for them.



In thy Preparation endeavour to be,

First, truly humbled in thy self in sight of thy sins, and sense of the occasions of thy Prayer.

2. To be raised upon some comfortable assurance of Gods mercy in pardoning thy sins, and of his favour to hear and help thee thro' Jesus Christ.

Jam. 4. 10. *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will raise you up.*

Crosses of



A good means to help us in preparation, and to stir us up to Prayer, would be,

First, a pious consideration of the greatness, and goodness of our heavenly Father.

Secondly, a sense of our own unability to crave of God his holy Spirit to assist us in our Prayers.

Thirdly, the present reading, or serious (though brief) meditating on some such part of God's Word, as either makes for our *Humiliation* or *Faith*, or may come nearer, or concern, the

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the special occasion of our
Prayers.

Alms and Fasting are
good means to further our
private Devotions as well
as the more publick, as we
may see *Acts 10.*

Some special passages of Gods
Word gathered up, where-
with the poor Soul that is
not more able to provide by
his own skil, or hath not al-
ways at hand better store,
may pick some comfort, &
gather some strength.

FOR Humiliation in
sight of thine own
sin meditate on these and
such like places.

John

Cranes of

John 9. 1. God heareth not sinners.

Prov. 24. Because I have called and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded.

Verf. 28. Then they shall call upon me, but I will not answer: They shall seek me early, but they shall not find me.

Isa. 1. 14, 15. Bring no more oblations in vain. When you shall stretch out your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; and though you make many Prayers, I will not hear: for your hands are full of blood.

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John

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TO help the Repen-
tant's faith, by the
mercy and grace of God
in Christ, meditate on these
and such like places.

I John 2. 1. *These things*
write I unto you, that you sin
not, and if any man sin, we
have an Advocate with the
Father, Jesus Christ the
Righteous, and he is the pro-
pitiatio[n] for our sins.

Isa. 1. 16. *Wash you, make*
you clean, take away the filth
of your works from before
mine eyes, cease to do evil,
learn to do well. Come now
let us reason, &c.

I Cor.

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I Cor. 6. 11. Such were
some of you, but ye are wast-
ed, but ye are sanctified, but
ye are justified in the name of
the Lord Jesus, and by the
Spirit of our God.

Rom. 8. 33, 34. Who shall
lay any thing to the charge of
God's chosen? It is God that
justifieth, who shall con-
demn?

Heb. 10. 22. Let us draw
near with a true heart; in
assurance of faith, our hearts
being pure from an evil con-
science.

I Joh. 5. 14, 15. And this
is that assurance that we
have in him, that if we ask
any thing according to his
will, he heareth us. And if we
know

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know that he heareth us; whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the Petitions which we have desired of him.

Mat. 11. 28. Come unto me all ye that are weary and laden, and I will ease you.

Psal. 50. 15. Call upon me in the day of trouble, so will I deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.

Eccles. 7. 14. In the day of affliction consider.

Heb. 12. 20. He chasteneth us for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Verf. 11. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous, but after.

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afterwards it bringeth the
quiet fruit of righteousness
unto them which are thereby
exercised.

James I. 4. Let patience
have her perfect work, that
ye may be perfect and entire,
lacking nothing.

Psalms 126. 5. They that
saw in tears shall reap in joy.

Rom. 15. 4. Whatsoever
was written aforetime, was
written for our learning, that
by patience and comfort of
the Scripture, we might
have hope.

Rom. 8. 26. The Spirit
helpeth our infirmities: for
we know not how to pray as
we ought, but the Spirit it
self maketh request for us,
with

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with sighs that cannot be expressed.

Gal. 4. 6. God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, which cryeth Abba, Father.



Holy Sentences containing useful matter for meditation.

First, in the multitude of the sorrows of my heart; thy Comforts have refreshed my Soul.

2. Be not dismayed, having nothing, be thou the servant of God; and thou hast more than the Lords of the Earth in their great possession.

3. If

Come of

3. If thou beest truly
godly, thou shalt never
fall into extreme misery.

4. Godliness brings con-
tentation, and being con-
tented, thy wealth exceeds
the Treasures of the migh-
ty.

5. Earthly Jewels are as
Chaff or Dust, for Riches
fly away with the wings of
the wind, but the Graces of
the Spirit remain for ever.

6. Wouldst thou have
thy Children thrive after
thee, & leave them a good
Estate? look not to thy
Chests, or Bags, or store
of Land which thou hast to
leave them; but be thou
Vertuous, Godly, and Re-
ligious.

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ligious, and God will be the bringer up of thy Children, and prepare a Portion for them.

7. True blessedness doth not consist in great wealth, but they which hunger after Righteousness shall be satisfied.

8. *Lazarus* went from Poverty to Riches, and *Dives* from Riches to Poverty.

9. Howl ye rich Men, for the Canker and rust of your Gold and silver shall one day witness against you.

10. Godliness begins with Wants, Sorrows, Sadness, Stings of Conscience,
B science,

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science, Losses, Poverty
Affliction of Soul, dejection
on of Spirit, Penitency for
Sins ; These be the Har-
bingers of Heaven.

11. The rich hath plea-
sure, the poor pain, in this
World : But the rich are
tormented, and the poor
comforted in the World to
come.

12. My son, take heed
to thy own heart. For thy
heart is deceitful, and may
well be called the great
Impostor of the World.

13. The righteous find
the way sooner to Heaven
in Prison, than the Prince
in his Palace.

14. Never fear what
God

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God doth against thee, but rather be afraid what thou dost against God.

15. Crosses to the Godly reclaim them, Crosses to the wicked consume them.

16. Persecutions in their own natures are curses, but if we put them to the best use, they are blessings: For through the Valley of Tears, we come to the Hill of Joy.

17. He that will not seek God in prosperity, the Lord will not be found of him in adversity; for how can we look that GOD should save us, if we do not serve him.

18. Make not Religions

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the Cloak and Colour for
deceit: For then thou wilt
find thy self deceived, and
God will disappoint thy
presumption.

19. The Law of nature
concurs with the Law of
God. *Do to all as thou
wouldest be dealt withal,*
and then thou maist ex-
pect a blessing upon all
thou takest in hand.

20. As one Lamp lights
many, and gives ten times
more than it hath it self,
and loseth none of its own
light, so one godly man by
his good example, makes
many more, always main-
taining good to himself,
and assisting others.

21. If

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21. If thou be so sinful a sinner as not to think of sin and of thy Death, and Resurrection; Remember thy own Conscience shall at last accuse thee: For as a man dies, and worms are bred in the dead carcass to consume it; so the worm of thy Conscience shall come to testify against thee at the last day.

22. When thou art ready to commit a sin, think God stands before thee to persuade thee from it, the Devil behind thee to drive thee to it; thy own Conscience in the midst to terrifie thee after it: the Heaven above to witness

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against it; the earth below
to swallow thee for it,
therefore pray stedfastly
that thou mayst be delive-
red from it.

23. Consider the Flower
of the field, how it flouri-
sheth in the Spring, and
dieth in the Winter, and
yet riseth to its former
lustre; so remember thy
life, thy death, and lastly
thy Resurrection.

24. Wheresoever thou
goest, ridest, & remainest,
if thou be alone, take one
of these Companions to
thee, either thy *Prayer-
Book* or thy *Bible*; good
thoughts, or charitable
works: for these four are
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thou
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the fittest Companions
thou canst have to be with
thee in any occasion
whatsoever.



Let thy Prayer be thus
Framed.

First confess thy sins.
Secondly, Crave Faith.
Thirdly, Desire Repen-
tance.

Fourthly, Perseverance
in good.

Fifthly, Directions for a
good life.

Sixthly, for the Church
and Family.

Seventhly, Thanksgiving
for all benefits received.



*The Readers Prayer for the
right use of this, or some
other help of Devotion.*

II **M**OST gracious
Lord, which
knowest the grievous sins
and manifold infirmities of
thy poor and unworthy
servant, give me access
unto thy Throne of Grace
by Christ Jesus, and grant
that whatsoever I ask of
thee may be to the Glory
of thy Name, the good of
thy People, comfort and
salvation of mine own
Soul. Also grant me so to
make use of this and other
helps

Meditations.

helps of Devotion, that in
and by them I may chiefly
seek for, and stir up the
grace of thy holy Spirit,
whereby I may in heart
cry *Abba Father*, to thy
Heavenly Majesty, that
so thou mayst look on me
as thy Child and pour on
me thy grace, whereby I
may be enabled to shew
myself thy Servant here,
and be accepted among
thy Children in Heaven,
through Christ Jesus, *A-*
men.



PRAYERS

AND

MEDITATIONS.

*A Morning Prayer at our
first rising from sleep.*

12 **O** Heavenly Father, of all
Light, the true
Sun shine, so open my
heart with this the open-
ing of my eyes, that it
may still be so fixed on
thee, that this day, and
all

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all the rest of my life, I
may find comfort and
consolation in thee: And
grant most merciful Fa-
ther; as thou hast been
my keeper this Night, for
which I gave the most
humble & hearty thanks,
so thou mayest be my Gui-
der and comfort this day,
and all the days of my life.
Grant this, good God
and merciful Father for
Jesus Christ his sake our
Lord and Saviour, we in-
treat thee in that Prayer
thou hast taught us.

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*

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Another Morning Prayer.

O Most gracious Go-
 vernour and loving Father
 we heartily thank thee for
 all thy loving kindness
 abundantly shewed up-
 on us: For our Election
 Creation, Redemption,
 precious Vocation, Justifi-
 cation, Sanctification, and
 continual Preservation, &
 for the same assured and
 most comfortable Hope
 which thou hast given us
 of our glorification in the
 world to come. We praise
 thy gracious goodness for
 so mercifully preserving us
 to this

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this present night, and delivering us from all dangers both of Soul and Body, for that thou hast given us so sweet & comfortable rest, and hast at this present brought us to the beginning of this day. And as thou hast safely preserved us unto this present hour, from all dangers of this Life; so we beseech thee, to continue this thy favour towards us this day, & the whole course of our Life. Suffer us not by vanities, pleasures, or temptations of this world to be drawn away from thee, and wickedness; but with thy Grace and Holy Spirit, that we spend our

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our times vainly or idly,
but that we may always be
diligently exercised in the
duties of our Calling, to the
benefit of our Brethren,
and discharge of our Con-
science: Grant that in all
our consultations, words &
works, we may ever have
Thee present before our
eyes thro' Jesus Christ our
Lord, Amen.

Our Father which art, &c.

*Prayer to be said when we
wake in the Morning.*

○ Lord God Hea-
venly Father, wash
away,

away, I beseech thee, our
sins, cleanse us from our in-
iquities; purge our hearts,
and purify us wholly with
thy Grace, and as this wa-
tery Element washeth off
the filth from our Bodies,
so, we beseech thee, send
down thy heavenly grace,
to wash and cleanse our
Souls from sin; and grant
we may keep them thereby
free from all spots of un-
cleanness, and all manner
of wickedness. Grant this
gracious God, we beseech
thee, for Christ Jesus sake
who therefore came to
take away the sins of the
world, hear and have com-
passion upon us, O Lord.

A New Prayer.

O LORD GOD
glorious in Ma-
jesty, strong in Power, might
in Deliverance: I poor
Worm, dust and ashes of
the Earth, present my self
before thee, most earnestly
thanking thee for prefer-
ring me the part of this
day past, and now I entreat
thee to preserve me the
rest of it coming, and grant
I may carry my self in all
my affairs and occasions,
that I may find my self di-
rected by thy Heavenly
Wisdom, and thy Good
Providence over me, and

to

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to that purpose (O Lord)
let me have thy fear before
mine eyes, thy help & as-
sistance to lead me in the
ways of godliness, righte-
ousness, and all true Hol-
iness. Keep me, O Lord, from
sin and wickedness, and
prosper and preserve me in
all happiness the rest of my
day coming, and thro' the
whole course of my life.
I beseech thee for Christ
Jesus sake. Amen.

A Prayer before Meals.

16 **O** Lord God bless
this food, we be-
seech thee, that thy
Creatures which thou hast

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provided for our nourishment, make them fit food for our bodies, that by the strength of them we may be quickned & made more apt and able to serve thee, and grant, O Lord, that as we are careful to provide food for our Bodies, so we may much more labor for the heavenly Bread, and be careful to gather of the Crumbs of Comfort, which fall from thy Table, that both our Souls & Bodies being fully satisfy'd, we may be made wholly fit to serve thee both now and ever, & walk acceptably before thee, till thou bring us to the place where we shall
NEVER

Prayers and

thy holy Word, and grace
(O Lord God) that as thou
hast been mindful of us,
satisfying our hunger, and
supplying our wants, we
may be mindful of our poor
brethren, in affording them
such comforts as our ability
can perform. And that
we may still enjoy both
these temporal and spiri-
tual blessings, we pray thee
continue thy goodness to-
wards us; keep and defend
thy church with every part
and member of the same:
Preserve Peace in this
Land, and help thy distres-
sed People; and such as
stand in need of thy Com-
fort. We beseech thee suc-
cour

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cour all poor People, and
such as be in want. Reple-
nish the sad heart with joy,
release the prisoner, relieve
the Fatherless, and Wi-
dows, & send us also such
grace, that the rich may re-
member the Affliction of
Joseph, and the poor be
contented with the portion
which thou hast appointed
that we may all hunger
and thirst after Righteous-
ness, and be satisfied accord-
ing to thy promise. Grace
this (O Lord God) for Je-
sus Christs sake, to whom
with thee, and thy sancti-
fying Spirit, both now and
evermore, be all thanks,
praise, and glory. Amen.

Prayer

An Evening Prayer.

18 **O** M O S T gracious
Lord God our
loving Father, we heartily
thank thee for all thy lov-
ing kindness so abundantly
shewed towards us: For
our Election, Creation, Re-
demption, merciful Vocati-
on, Justification, Sanctifica-
tion, continual Preservati-
on, and for that same assur-
ed and most comfortable
hope which thou hast gi-
ven us of our Glorification
in the world to come. We
do praise thy glorious
goodness for so mercifully
preserving us this present
day.

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day, & delivering us from
perils and dangers both of
body and soul, for prosper-
ing and preserving us in
health and prosperity, for
keeping us from sudden
death and all dangers, and
giving us all things neces-
sary for this present life, as
Health, Food, Apparel, and
all other convenient things
needful. This gracious
goodness of thine, we be-
seech thee (O Lord) to
continue towards us for-
ever. And here, O Lord
God, we offer unto thee
our selves and ours, our
Souls and Bodies, we re-
commend our Lives, our
Means, and all we have

Prayers and

unto thy gracious presence by
vation and protection, and
assurance that that cannot
perish which is committed
unto thee. Keep us this
Night in safety, and grant
good Lord, that our bodies
may sleep, and our Souls
may watch for the coming
of our Saviour, thy Son
Jesus Christ; that so our
Souls and Bodies may be
more apt and able to serve
thee in that estate & calling
wherein thou hast thought
good to place us. We con-
fess and acknowledge (O
merciful God) that we are
most miserable and wicked
Sinners, as well by original
corruption of our Nature,

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as by the course of our evil
and naughty life, we have
and do daily break and
transgress thy most holy
Laws & Commandments
both in thought, word, and
deed. By the means of this
sin and corruption, we do
continually deserve most
just condemnation, and to
be for ever cast out of thy
presence: Yet such is thy
goodness towards us, that
thou wouldest not suffer us
thus to perish in our sins,
but hast sent thine own
dear Son, Christ Jesus to
take upon him whatsoever
is due to us, and to recon-
cile and make us one with
thee again. In him there-
fore,

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Prayers and

fore, and through him we
come unto thee, beseech
ing thee for his sake, that
we feeling the grievous-
ness of our sins, and
groaning under the bur-
then of them, may find the
release and ease of them
in that we, through thy
holy Spirit, stedfastly be-
lieve that Christ hath borne
the burthen of them even
for us. Grant, O Lord, that
we being assured hereof in
our Consciences, may
through thy holy Spirit be
renewed with more gra-
ces, and hate, detest, and
abhor all manner of Sin, &
study to live in all things
according to thy blessed
Will

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Will, during our whole life: grant this (O FATHER) for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

Lord increase our faith.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.



A Meditation at Midnight.

GRacious Lord, under whose protection we rest; when we awake, give us leave to think of thee, let us in our dreams draw near unto thee, do thou prepare us for thee, and let us never be taken unprovided, but

Prayers and

(with the wise Virgins)
ready prepared whensoever thou shalt call us, to go with thee; and so we recommend our selves, and souls, and all unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*



*A Morning Prayer for
Servants.*

26 **O** Most gracious, and
merciful, glorious
and everlasting Father,
which createdst Light and
Darkness: which hast
made all things, and go-
vernest and guidest all
things,

Meditations.

things, I poor, wretched, miserable, and wicked sinner, cast my self down here before thy Glorious Throne, begging, craving, and beseeching thee, even for Christ Jesus sake, to look down upon me, poor and distressed wretch, with pity and compassion, to pardon, forgive and forget all my sins, Actual and Original, Omissions, and Commissions, or whatsoever; All (O Lord God) that I have committed against thee in thought, word, or deed: O pardon them, I beseech thee, bury them in the depth of the Sea, O LORD, open the streams
C 3 of

Prayers and

of thy Mercy, pour down
the showers of thy Grace;
quell the ill imaginations
and wicked thought of my
mind; settle assured Faith
in my Conscience; fill my
heart with thy Heavenly
Graces; grant in all my
Service, I may be thy true
Servant, & so for thee, may
do true Service to my Ma-
ster and Mistriſs, that in all
duty I may be pleasing, &
acceptable to them; that
with all singleness and fin-
cerity of heart, I may do
all things, and deal up-
rightly in all that I take in
hand, and that at the last
I may hear with comfort
that joyful saying, *Well
done*

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done thou good and faithful
Servant, enter into the rest
and joy of thy Heavenly
Master: which grant most
gracious God, for Jesus
Christ his sake. *Amen.*

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



An Evening Prayer for a Servant.

21 **O** Lord God, I give
thee most hearty
thanks for that thou hast
granted me grace to passe
this day quietly, in doing
my duty towards my Ma-
C 4 ster;

Prayers and

ster ; grant I may pass the
Night in quiet sleep, keep
me (O Lord) set a watch
over me, let thy good An-
gels guard me, and grant
me such sweet & comfort-
able rest, that I may be re-
freshed in the Morning
and made fit to serve and
obey thee; and also to serve
& please my Master in all
uprightness and diligence.
Let me ever be employed
in thy service, and grant
that sleeping and waking I
may be acceptable unto
thee, through Jesus Christ,
in whom I take my rest, &
commend my self, this
House, and all my good
friends, and all my People,
now

Meditations.

now and for ever, to thy gracious and powerful preservation and protection, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.



A Prayer for Children.

22 **O** Eternal God, Creator and Governor of all things, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in him our gracious Father, we thy poor Children, beseech thee to give us thy Fatherly and Heavenly blessing, to take us into thy holy Government, to spend

Prayers and

the wings of thy protection to move
on over us: but first of all and
we do here confess, that thou
we were conceived in sin to fulfill
and brought forth in iniquity to
quity, and by reason of our
our original corruption our
drawn from the loins of
our Parents we are apt to
every thing that is evil
averse to any thing that is
good. Being now in the
beginning of our days, we
are ready to begin to sin
and now in our tender
years are strong enough
to act wickedness: Hence
therefore do we prostrate
ourselves before thee, with
this Humble Petition, that
thou wouldest be pleased

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to mortifie the corruption,
and to suppress the rebellion of our proud Nature;
to subdue our carnal lusts,
to over-rule our unruly
wills, to bring into order
our irregular affections, to
season our hearts with thy
Grace, and to plant in us
such a fear of thy Name,
that we may never depart
from thee: Regenerate us
with thy holy Spirit, that
we may be born again,
and have our souls bathed
in the blood of thy Son,
as well as our bodies were
washed with water in Baptism;
Baptize us into the
death of Christ; that we
may die unto sin; make us
to

Prayers and

to feel the virtue of his Resurrection, that we may walk in newness of life. Catechise us out of thy holy Word, that it may be a light to our feet, & a Lambethorn to our Paths; and frame us to the respective entertainment of their wholesome Counsel, who are able to instruct us. Preserve our Parents and Governours whom thou hast set over us, that they may bring us up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and grant in us obedience unto them, and a care of shewing all due reverence, not only to them, but also to all our Elders, and

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and Betters that are before us; Make us circumspect in all our ways, conscionable in our walking, & very wary with what persons we converse: Work in us betimes, both a desire and endeavour to serve thee; grant that we may remember thee our Creator in the days of our youth, that we may then set our selves to thy Worship, when we are best able to perform it. Make us daily to die unto Sin, hourly to live unto Righteousness, and grow in grace like young plants, and never leave growing, till we come to be tall Cedars in the Paradise of God;

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God ; even perfect men in
Christ Jesus. In whose
sweet Name we beg at thy
hand these, and all other
blessings which thou
knowest to be needful for
us ; not doubting but that
for his sake, who com-
manded Children to be
brought unto him, favou-
rably embraced them, and
graciously blessed them,
thou also wilt receive, em-
brace, and bless us now
com ing unto thee. So be it,
O Father for the merits of
that thy dear Son, who
with thee & thy holy Spirit,
be praised and magnified
now and evermore, *Amen.*

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A Prayer for Sunday.

Morning.

23 **O** MOST Gracious
Lord God, with a
trembling heart, and fear-
ful Conscience, and watery
plants, and bended knees, I
here poor dejected wretch
prostrate my self at thy
Throne of mercy, O Lord,
I thank thee, that thou hast
brought this Week about
with me, helping me with
all things which were
needful for my body.
Now, O Lord fit and pre-
pare my Soul and Body for
thy Sabbath. I confess this
Night past, and all my life,
thou

Prayers and

thou hast been my refuge
& stay; be unto me (O
Lord) as thou hast been
still my Protector, my e-
verlasting Defence, my
Stay, my Guide, my Hope,
my Hold; my strong For-
tress, to which I may al-
ways resort: and as thou
hast appointed this Sab-
bath day for man to em-
ploy himself in thy service,
so, O Lord, grant my heart
to be free, and to rest, from
all worldly cares, and
wholly to be spent and
settled upon thee. Grant I
may apply my self to
learn Wisdom and Godli-
ness. Sanctifie my Soul,
my Body, my Mind,
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Thoughts, Deeds, and Words ; Lord, fit and prepare my heart to hear, read, practise, and follow thy Word, and as thou hast appointed thy Preachers to preach and instruct us this day in thy Word, so open our hearts, & preserve our senses to Purity and Godliness, that we may be always ready prepared for thy Kingdom. Grant unto us, that neither this day, nor at any time, any evil may take hold of us, but that all good may be so rooted in our hearts, and minds, that our thoughts may always be of thee. And (Lord,) we beseech thee

Prayers and

thee to grant us grace so to
read and hearken to thy
Word, that we may reap
profit hereby in all things.
Grant thy good Angels to
guard us, and to be about
us, that Satan may not
hinder any good work in
us, and grant that we may
spend this whole day in
the works of Sanctificati-
on, in publick and private
praise and Thanksgiving,
to thy glory, and our com-
fort and souls health,
through Christ our Media-
tor and Redeemer, and by
the help of the holy Spirit
our Sanctifier, *Amen.*

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*

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A Prayer for Sunday night.

24 **P**Repare, O Lord, our hearts to Prayer, O Lord, open our mouths, and let our lips shew forth thy praise. Settle our affections upon thee, grant unto us (or me) our requests. Bend and prepare us for thy service, Lord we beseech thee.

O Our Everlasting and Loving Father, merciful good God. Creator, Guider, Defender, Protector, Governour, & Maker of all things, which createdst the light & darkness, who

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who preparedst the Seas, & clear
foundedst the dry Land, quit
who hast made man, and not
gavest him Wit, Senses, & Reason
Understanding, to be a foolish
cond means to help himself ;
by thee: Look down we beseech
thee, upon all miserable
distressed Sinners, & more
especially upon us, call
and grant unto us pardon
for all our sins, Actual
and Original, Sins of
Omission or Commission, not
Imagination, or any way
whatsoever. O Lord, pardon
them, quit and free us
from all punishment ; let
them not be horror unto
our Conscience, nor terror
to our Souls, but wash and
cleanse

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cleanse us : O Lord, free &
quit them from us, let them
not come as a Judg to con-
demn us, nor choose our
sins as a Jury to overthrow
us; but (O Lord) bury
them, cast them behind
thee, forget and forgive
them; and we beseech thee
call us not to an account
for them. Let not mischief
fall upon us nor our Chil-
dren, we intreat thee; let
not misery come near unto
us, but bless and keep us,
we beseech thee now & for
ever. Lord, we beseech thee
to bless the Word which
we have heard preached
unto us this day, and also
that which we have read,
bless

Prayers and

bles & sanctifie the same
unto us, Lord, we beg
thee. Bless likewise the
whole Church distressed
desperfed, and despised
help and relieve it in due
time, and comfort all that
be in danger : build it up
where it is new begun, as
namely in *Virginia, New-
England, Summer Islands*
the *East and West Indies*
Lord bless the means pro-
vided for the furtherance
of the same : and we de-
fire thee to call home the
Indians in those parts, the
*Atheists, Hereticks and Pa-
pists* of this Land, and else-
where, and all other, that
they may see their errour

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and blindness: the wilful
blinded *Jews*, good Lord,
call them to fulfil the
number of thy Church, O
merciful Father, we intreat
thee to relieve and release
all poor Prisoners and
Captives wheresoever; also
all that are troubled in
mind, those whose Consci-
ences are laden with grief
for their sins, Lord, ease &
receive them: poor Idiots,
foolish or frantick persons,
restore their senses, wits, &
understanding; and grant
as thou hast left them to be
as it were Examples unto
us, to fear and tremble at
thy judgment on them, so
grant us (Lord) to have
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Prayers and

the more care to fear and obey thee, Likewise comfort all fatherless *Children*, *Widows*, or poor oppressed *Servants* or *Captives*, and *Prisoners*, oppressed by *Slavery*, *Tyranny*, or *Misery*; put a period and an end unto their griefs, or else (Lord) give them hearts to bear them patiently, And now, O Lord, we intreat thee to receive us into thy protection, keep us, O Lord, from sudden *Death*, *Fire*, & *Thieves*, *Storms*, *Tempests*, and all *Affrightments*, succour and relieve us in all needs and dangers & send thy good Angel to guard us. Now, O Lord, we return
with

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with all thanks and praise
unto thee, and thy holy
Name for all thy blessings
unto this present; so con-
tinue, we beseech thee, thy
love unto us. We have de-
served thy curse, thou in-
stead thereof hast given us
thy blessing; so continually
O Lord, pour down thy
blessings, and so bless us
with heavenly blessings,
that we may feel and find
thy true comforts. Also
bless us with earthly bles-
sings, that we may be help-
ful to others that feel want
or need. Grant these and
all good things, even for
Christ's sake, our Lord and
Saviour, *Amen.*

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A Soliloquy for Sunday at midnight.

25 **L**ORD, how long shall
it be before I cele-
brate the Sabbath of a true
rest in thee? The world seeks
to destroy me, the Devil to
devour me, the flesh to de-
ceive me; come to my aid,
Lord, and I shall be in safe-
ty. Every one desires joy and
comfort. Lord, let me find
thee my only joy and com-
fort. I come and yield my
soul into thy hands, thou art
my father, dispose of me, as it
pleaseth thee. Come Lord Je-
sus, for I am come to thee;
stay with me, I am willing to
abide with thee, aid, support,
and

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and remain with me this night, and for ever, rest with my thoughts, Amen.

A Morning Prayer for Sunday.

26 **O** LORD GOD, which madeſt the Heavens, the Earth, the Sea, Man, Fiſh, Birds, and Beaſts, and all things: we poor diſtreſſed Sinners, full of ſin and iniquity, preſume to bring unto thee our wounded ſouls for to cure, our ſins and wickedneſſes have wounded us, our tranſgreſſions have taken hold upon us, we are
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ever laden with filth, we daily provoke thy anger, week after week, day after day, hour after hour, and every minute we transgress by thought, word, or deed, we promise amendment, but daily run on in our course of wickedness; we have no mind of Heavenly things, but the Devil, the World and the Flesh, haunt us in all our thoughts, at all times, nay, in our very Prayers they betray us, and carry our mind another way, yet, Lord, as thou hast spared us this week past, and all the rest of our lives, so we beseech thee to spare

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us this week coming, and
all the time we have to
live. And as we now begin
the week, so grant (good
God) we may begin with
new spiritual Graces, to
fear, serve, and obey thee
all the days of our life.
Keep us, O Lord, from
sudden death, temptation,
tribulation, persecution
and affliction; prosper our
Works, our Labours, our
Pains; be with us at the
beginning, proceeding, &
ending in our Vocation
and Calling; grant we may
deal uprightly, and let the
carriage of our affairs be
so pleasing unto thee, that
they may draw down

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thy blessings upon us;
keep us we pray thee, this
week following, thriving
in our Estates, and religi-
ous in our Carriage,
always meditating of
good, for thy glory the
Church and the Common-
wealth, so that whatsoever
we lay our hands unto,
thou wilt bend our hearts
to the same, so it be to thy
praise and glory. Receive
us, merciful Father, into
thy protection, and grant
us these Graces, and all
Comforts that are, may,
or can be for our furthe-
rance to Salvation, even
for thy only Sons sake,
Christ Jesus our Lord: to
whom

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whom with thee and thy
Holy Spirit, be all praise,
Honour and Glory; now
and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

*An Evening Prayer for
Monday.*

27 **O** LORD, which art
our God, we in-
treat thee upon the bend-
ed knees of our bodies, to
accept this our Evening
Sacrifice of Thanksgiving
and Praise. We thank thee,
O Lord God, for keeping
us this day past, and all the
rest of our lives, for giving
us Food, Raiment, Health,

Prayers and

and prosperity; for keeping
us now and ever from sud-
den death, & all other mi-
series; so we beseech thee,
O Lord God, to keep us
this night coming in peace
and quietness, both in bo-
dy and goods: grant, good
God, unto us quiet rest
and sleep: keep us from
all evil whatsoever, we
humbly intreat thee, and
set thy good Angels as a
guard and watch over us,
that we may enjoy the
sweet rest and comfort of
this night, that we may be
the better able to go on in
thy service: and grant that
when we wake, we may
wake with the joy of thy
holy

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holy Spirit, and to be settled in the true assurance of thy gracious protection, that we may daily find and feel some comforts of thy Heavenly graces in our hearts with joy and comfort. Grant this, dear Father, for Christ Jesus sake, our Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

Our Father which art, &c.



A Morning Prayer for Tuesday.

28 **W**E intreat thee, most merciful Father, to accept our Prayer
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which we shall offer be-
fore thy divine Majesty,
we confess and acknow-
ledge, thou mightest have
poured down justly thy
Judgments and Indignati-
on upon us. In justice thou
mightest have taken us
this night past in our sleep,
and plunged us suddenly
into Hell and perpetual
destruction; Yet in mercy
thou hast spared us. O
Lord, we heartily thank
thee, that of thy great
bounty thou hast keep us
safe this Night, & brought
us to the beginning of this
Day; now spare us, good
Lord, spare us, we beseech
thee

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thee, and as thou hast ever
been our defence, so we
beseech thee defend and
protect us hereafter, that
we may become thy faith-
ful Servants and followers.
Bless we beseech thee, this
day and for ever, all our
studies, labours, & travels;
further our endeavours;
help us in our Trading,
help us in our Necessities,
and guide us in our ways,
aid us in all good works:
preserve us from all sin &
wickedness, and deliver us
in all temptations; Bless,
we beseech thee, our
whole Household, and all
about us, be merciful to
our Friends & Foes, lessen
the

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the number of our Foes,
increase the number of our
Friends, bless our Neigh-
bours, grant unity, con-
cord and love betwixt
them and us, keep them
and us, and all about us,
now and for ever. Grant
us, good Lord, full par-
don of our sins, and
true and lively hope in thy
mercies, through Christ
our Saviour, *Amen.*

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



*An Evening Prayer for
Tuesday.*

29 **H** Eavenly God, and
merciful Father,
assist

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assist us in our Prayers, & grant us our requests, we humbly intreat thee. Look down, O Lord, look down, we beseech thee, and grant our requests. We thank thee that thou hast kept and preserved us this day, and all the rest of our lives to this present, in health and prosperity, and given good success to our travels and studies; Merciful Father, we intreat thee, that as thou hast kept us this day past, so we beseech thee to keep us this night coming; and as thou hast appointed times and seasons, as to be the third night in this week, so we beseech

Prayers and

befeech thee, set a second watch over our Souls and Bodies, that we commit no sin in thought nor deed: grant us quiet sleep, comfortable rest; keep and defend us from sudden death, and fearful affrightments, danger of fire or tempests, disturbance by Thieves, or any other danger whatsoever: and grant, as we now lie down to rest in bed, so we may remember the rest of our bodies in the grave, till it please thee to raise us. Bless this Night, and for ever, all that be forced to travel by Land or Water, all poor Soldiers that keep Watch
and

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and Ward, and we beseech thee so to watch and wake with them and us, that we may rise in the morning to give praise and thanks unto thee, through Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.



*A Morning Prayer for
Wednesday.*

30 **O** Eternal, merciful and loving Father, I intreat thee to look down upon me wicked & wretched sinner, and to grant my request, O Lord

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I give thee humble and hearty thanks, for keeping me this night past, & that thou hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day: defend me, O Lord, in the same: & grant I may spend this day to thy glory, my comfort, and good example of all that are about me. O Lord, I beseech thee, be unto me a Guide and Protector over my ways, works, and words, that I shall walk, do, or speak this day, and all the rest of my life. Grant I may wholly dedicate my self unto thee, and strive to live more godly and purely; and always study

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study to fear, serve, and obey thee, and to set forth thy praise, that I may find thy favour, mercy, and goodness, shewed and poured upon me, both now and for ever hereafter: grant this dear God, and merciful Father, as we beg in that Prayer which thou hast taught us, saying,

Our Father which art, &c.

An Evening Prayer for

Wednesday.

31 **O** MOST gracious God and heavenly Father, renew, I beseech thee, my strength to prayer. As the Eagle reneweth

Prayers and

eth his age, so let me re-
new in Grace. O Lord
I beseech thee, accept this
Evening Prayer for all thy
mercies. I have sinned (O
Lord) against thee, in
thought, word, and deed,
this day, and all the days
of my life. I have done
wickedly, in so much that
I am ashamed to confess
my sins. Yet thou hast
spared me this day, and
all my life past. O Lord,
beseech thee, if I have
done any thing this day,
or at any other time here-
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pleasing unto thee, pardon
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I desire thee, and finally
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same; O Lord, bless and
keep me this Night, and
this House where I am, and
each of us from all bo-
dily and ghostly Enemies,
and from all ill Dreams,
and Fantasies, and sugge-
stions of the Devil, from
all storms and tempests,
from fire, sudden death,
and danger, good Lord de-
liver us all; and grant we
may rise in the Morning
to praise thee, through Je-
sus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*

Prayers and



*A Prayer at any time in the
night, in the time of dan-
ger or fear.*

32 **O** LORD what shall
I do? Whither
shall I flee? Where shall
be safe, but with thee.
Take me, receive me, keep
and defend me now and
for ever. O Lord, give me
quiet rest and sleep, and
protect me, and grant me
and all in this house, com-
fort in thee, this night, and
for evermore. *Amen.*

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*A Morning Prayer for
Thursday.*

33 **O** Heavenly Father
and good GOD,
raise and rouse up my dull
Senses. As the morning
Lark flyeth up with sweet
singing, still looking up-
wards towards thee: So, O
Lord, grant my heart, eyes
and affections, and all may
be lift up unto thee. O
Lord, it is thy Mercy that
hath kept me this night
past, and brought me to
the beginning of this day,
I give thee hearty thanks
for the same: So, O Lord,
guide and govern me this
day,

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day, that I may walk up-
right in all my dealings;
be true and just in all my
doings; and give me the
Sanctification of thy Holy
Spirit to find and feel thy
help in the use of prospe-
rity and health, and hap-
piness, that shall tend to
the setting forth of thy
praise and glory, that I
may so enjoy the benefits
of this day, that I may
find and feel thy comfort
through Jesus Christ our
only Lord and Saviour.
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An Evening Prayer for Thursday.

34 **O** Most Omnipotent
God, and Heavenly
Father, most glorious Cre-
ator; I intreat thee to grant
my request, & accept this
my Evening Sacrifice of
Prayer and Thanksgiving,
I beseech thee be a power-
ful Protector and Defender
of me this night: & as thou
hast been (O Lord) my De-
fender all this Week past.
so I beseech thee, be a de-
fender of me all the part
that is to come. Keep me
in thy protection, shield
me

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me from all dangers, defend me from sudden death ; and send, I pray thee, thy good Spirit to watch over me this night and for ever hereafter. I thank thee for blessing me this day past, and I intreat thee, good God, so to continue thy blessings, and to increase them more and more towards me, that I may feel & find that thou O Lord, art my everlasting shield and succour. And with heavenly Father, let me hear feel those joys that be a comfort unto my Soul, & beseech thee grant my very desires may be of heaven now, and heavenly joys, and find grant

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grant I may at least enjoy
such joy and comfort in
thee, that I may rest in thy
Kingdom, for ever and e-
ver. *Amen.*

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



*A Prayer for Friday
Morning.*

35 **U**Nto thee, O
Lord, I come
with a broken & contrite
heart, sorrowing for my
sins, seeking to find com-
fort at thy hands: O thou
knowest my grief, my sor-
row, and care. O, let me
find thy Comforts, Lord,

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I think thee that thou hast
kept me the night past, &
that thou hast safely
brought me to see the glit-
tering light. O Lord stir
me up that I may find
some comfort, preserve &
keep me, that I may feel
some joy in my soul and
body, this day and for e-
ver: and as the Church ob-
serves this day a Fast, so
prepare thou me, O Lord,
in Soul and Body, that I
may fast from all sin and
wickedness, and be strong
against the world, the
flesh, and the devil, and all
temptations, that I fall
not into sin or transgression:
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spend this day, with all the days of my life, in all holy conversation, to thy glory and good example of all Men: Grant this, O Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.



A Prayer for Friday Night.

46 **M**ERCIFUL LORD GOD, which shalt let me pass this day in health and prosperity, I intreat thee grant that this Night I may take my rest in quietness & peace;

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and although thou hast
now taken away the day-
light, yet I intreat thee not
to take away the spiritual
light of thy Grace: infuse
into me (O Lord) the Spirit
of Comfort: and although
our Sleep be as Death, and
the Bed as the Grave, yet
suffer us not to perish sud-
denly or unprepared: but
watch over us, good Fa-
ther, and guide and guard
us now and for evermore.
Let not affrightments fall
upon us, keep us from
Fire, Storms, Tempests,
Thieves, sudden death and
danger: and be unto us,
now and for ever, a gra-
cious protector, a Defender

Meditations.

and Director. Let thy good Angels, O Lord, pitch their Tents about us, and our Houses: Remember thy Church, and every member thereof, to preserve and keep it, especially the poor Protestants afflicted for the Truth in Germany, France, and Spain, and elsewhere; all that are persecuted for the Gospel; all in tribulation, or temptation, or misery: Put an end and period to their griefs, and send comfort unto them; and, LORD, receive them and us, this night and every in- to thy gracious protection, through the Meditation of

Prayers and

Christ Jesus: in whose
Name we conclude, say-
ing, *Our Father which*
art, &c.



A Trance or Soliloquy at
Midnight.

37 **M**erciful Lord, let
me not die before
I live. My eyes have taken
pleasure in folly, my heart
in sin, now I am sorry for
it; I esteem my self un-
worthy to call thee Fa-
ther; yet Lord vouchsafe
to account me still as thy
Child, that sleeping or wa-
king I may be always
thine, now and ever. *A-*
men.

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A Prayer for Saturday Morning.

38 **S**anctifie (O LORD)
this day unto us, and
to all about us. Here us,
dear Father, and grant our
requests now and for ever.
O LORD, we give thee
thanks that thou hast kept
us this Night, and to this
present, and brought us to
the last day of this Week:
Grant we may spend this
day soberly, quietly,
and religiously from our
hearts: Bring us to thy
righteous Will in all things
that it may be for thy Glo-
ry, and our joy and com-
fort.

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fort. Root out all unjust,
covetous, malicious, and
lustful thoughts out of our
minds. Keep us, O Lord,
from all wickedness, and
from all sin, and be a Guide
unto us in all our ways,
and a strength in all our
necessary occasions; and
as thou hast brought us to
this last day of the week,
so we intreat thee to bring
an end of sin unto us, and
cloath us with the Riches
of thy Righteousness. O
God, we intreat thee to
grant this for our blessed
Mediators sake, Christ Je-
sus our Lord, *Amen.*

Meditations.



*A Prayer for Saturday
Night.*

39 **M**erciful, and Hea-
venly Father, look
upon me wretched Sinner,
in mercy, before I come to
give account for all my
sins committed this Week,
this day, and all my life
past I have justly deserved
Hell, Death, and Damna-
tion every way, every
day, and every hour this
Week, and all my life past.
Yet like a merciful GOD,
thou hast defended me. O
LORD. As this Week is
now at an end, so let my
sins end, and call me not

Prayers and

to an exact account (being
make confession of all thy sins
with sorrow, which thou hast
committed the whole week
past) O Lord I confess all, I
yield my self worthy of
Death, yet Lord spare
me, spare me, have
mercy upon me, par-
don me, and grant that I
may have this Night quiet
rest, that I may be the bet-
ter able to serve thee to-
morrow. Be this Night my
defence, my guide, my
strong hold, my Fortress,
and sole Comfort. And
grant that I may with a
quiet Conscience lie down
to take my rest in peace
and quietness; let thy
good

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good Angels attend on me,
sleeping or waking, let no
affrightments trouble me,
but in the midst of dark-
ness enlighten me with
thy glory; and pardon,
and forget, and forgive all
my sins past. Grant this
now and for ever, I be-
seech thee, in that Prayer
which thy Son hath
taught me, saying,

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



*A Prayer before a
Sermon.*

4^o **O** Grant, most graci-
ous Father, that
our thoughts may not be
car-

Prayers and
carried away with any
vain illusions, or bad ima-
ginations ; grant that we
be not overcome with
sleep or drowsiness, but
quicken (O LORD) we
beseech thee, our Senses;
open, we intreat thee,
our Ears; apply our hearts
to hear, and under-
stand, and follow thy hea-
venly Word. Grant this
good Father, for thy only
Son's sake, Christ Jesus our
Saviour. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to be said after
Sermon.*

41 **L**ord God, we intreat
thee that the Word
which

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which we have heard preached at this time to us, be deeply settled in our hearts: that we by it may so learn to live, that we may please thee, and daily endeavour to fulfil thy will, and spend the rest of our lives in thy true service, and obedience of thee in all things, to the honour of thy Glory, and our Souls true Comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be said before the receiving of the Communion.

42 **O** Father of mercy, and GOD of all Consolation, letting all crea-

Prayers and

creatures do acknowledge
& confesse thee to be their
Governour and Lord; it
becometh us, the work-
manship of thy own hands,
much more to reverence
and magnifie thy great
Majesty, for that thou hast
created us to thy own I-
mage and Similitude; but
chiefly in that thou hast de-
livered us from that ever-
lasting death and damna-
tion, to which Satan subje-
cted all mankind by the
reason of sin, from the bon-
dage whercof, neither Men
nor Angels were able to
set us free. But thou, O
Lord, rich in mercy, & in-
finite goodness, hast pro-
vided

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vided our Redemption to consist in thine only, and well beloved Son, whom of very love thou didst give to be made Man like unto us in all things (sin only excepted) that in his body he might receive the punishment of our Transgressions by his death, to make satisfaction to thy Justice, by his stripes & wounds, that we that were the Sinners indeed, should be healed and free, & by his humiliation that we might be glorified & exalted, and that by his Resurrection, Death and Hell should be vanquished, to bring us to life everlasting, and Joys eternal, from which

Prayers and

which the whole off-spring
of *Adam* was justly exiled,
O Lord, we acknowledge
that no creature is able to
comprehend the length,
breadth, deepness, and
height of that most excel-
lent Love. For, thou didst
shew thy mercy, when
none was deserved; thou
gavest Life, when Death
had got the Victory; thou
receivedst us into Grace,
when we rebelled against
thy Majesty; and when we
were all spotted & defiled
with the filth of unrighte-
ousness, thou didst cleanse
and purifie us with the
blood of Jesus Christ; and
although through the per-
verse

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verse blindness and dulness
of our corrupt nature, we
neither do nor can suffici-
ently weigh or consider
these thy most ample be-
nefits, yet nevertheless (as
Jesus Christ our Lord hath
Instituted & Commanded)
we present our selves to
this thy Table; to manifest
and witness to the whole
world, that by him alone
we have received liberty
and life, that by him alone
thou dost acknowledge us
to be thy Children and
Heirs; that by him alone
we have entrance to the
Throne of Grace; that by
him alone we are admit-
ted to sit at thy Heavenly
Table

Prayers and

Table, and also receive spiritual strength both to do good, and to avoid all evil; that by him alone our Souls shall be raised from sin, and our Bodies from death; and by him alone we receive both grace and mercy here, and assurance of Glory for ever. Wherefore to him alone, with thee, O most gracious and loving Father, and the blessed Spirit, one truly glorious God, be all Praise and Thanks, now and ever. *Amen.*

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*A Prayer and Thanksgiving
after the receiving of the
holy Communion.*

43 **M**OST merciful
Father, we ren-
der unto thee all Thanks,
Praise, Honour and Glory,
for that it hath pleased
thee of thy great mercy to
grant unto us miserable
Sinners so excellent bene-
fits and priviledges, as to
be received into the fel-
lowship and company of
thy dear Son Jesus Christ
our Lord; yea, by his
means we are thy adopted
Children, and he is made
our elder Brother. Yea,
O

Prayers and

O LORD, we come ne-
-rer than so: He is our Head
and we are the Members
of that Mystical Body
And all this proceeds from
thy gracious goodness and
compassion. For thou hast
delivered him to death
give us life: Thou hast
made him a Sacrifice for
the necessary food & nour-
ishment of our souls; thou
gavest way to the pier-
cing of his Sides, from
whence issued water and
blood, that we might know
how we came cleansed
from our sins, & redeemed
from Damnation. Yea (O
LORD GOD) thou hast
presented us in this Sacra-
ment

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present the whole Tragedy
of his Passion, that we out
of his Sorrows might re-
cover Joys, out of his
Groans might be comfort-
ed; out of his Sighs and
Tears might have ours put
into his Bottle; and out of
his Death, be presented to
life everlasting: we beseech
thee then, O heavenly Fa-
ther, to grant us this re-
quest, that thou never suf-
fer us to become so unkind
as to forget such worthy
benefits, but rather make
a sure impression of them
in our hearts for ever, and
let the vertue and strength
of his Spirit ever be found
in us, by which we may be
con-

Prayers and

confirmed and established
so, that we may not only
prevail against all our spi-
ritual Enemies, but conti-
nue also in confessing of
thy goodness, and refor-
mation of our Lives, and
performance of all good
duties, to the glory of thy
Name, through the same
Christ Jesus our Lord; to
whom with thee, O Fa-
ther, and thy holy Spirit,
be all Glory and Praise,
now and ever. *Amen.*

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A Prayer to be said before Catechising.

44 **W**E most heartily
thank thee, most
merciful Father, for all thy
Blessings bestowed upon
us, from the beginning
of the World unto this
present time; for our Ele-
ction, Creation, Redem-
ption, merciful Vocation,
Justification, Sanctificati-
on, continual preservation,
and for that same assured,
& most comfortable Hope
that thou hast given us
of our Glorification in
the World to come. And
we beseech thee to direct
us,

Prayers and

us, that considering thy mercies we may acknowledge and confess our sins, which should provoke thee rather to curse than to bless us, to confound us rather than to preserve us. We have sinned against thee both in thought, in word & deed: Grant that we seeing the horror of our sins, and the fierceness of thy wrath, may without hypocrisie or dissimulation be earnestly sorry & heartily repent for our former wickedness; howbeit in such sort, as that we despair not, but that in bitterness of our grief we may have comfort, by Faith

Meditations.

in thy Son Christ, that
our offences are pardon-
ed. Grant (O Lord) that
we being assured hereof in
our Consciences, may
through the holy Spirit, be
renewed in the inner-
man, to hate, detest, and
abhor sin, and to study to
live according to thy blef-
sed Will, during our whole
life. And as now, through
thy goodness, we are here
assembled together, so we
beseech thee to direct us,
that at this present, both
our words, hearts, and all
our behaviours may be in
such sort ordered, as that
we may truly utter, and
reverently receive the
F Prin-

Prayers and

Principles of thy holy and heavenly Word, to the strengthening of our Faith, to the comfort of our Consciences, to the amendment of our sinful and lewd lives, and to the glory of thy most holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. So be it.

A Prayer to be used after Catechizing.

45 **W**E heartily thank thee, O most merciful Father, for that thou hast bestowed the most estimable treasure of thy Holy and Heavenly Word upon us most vile and sin-
ful

Meditations.

ful wretches. And seeing
it is not in him that plan-
teth, nor in him that wa-
tereth, but in thy merciful
hand to mortifie our sinful
lusts, and to create new
hearts in us; we beseech
thee so to order and direct
us, that we prove not like
the green Fig-tree, flou-
rishing without fruit, or be
of the number of those Hy-
pocrites : which with
tongue can say Lord, Lord,
in thy Name we Prophesie,
cast out Devils, and do
many great works, and
yet are condemned for
wicked, because their
hearts are not aright, not
like to them which are

Prayers and

swept and garnished but yet empty, whereinto the unclean Spirit returns with seven worse than himself, and so our end be worse than our beginning; but govern us with thy Holy Spirit, that in heart we may love and seek thee, & in body and soul obey and serve thee, in righteousness and true holiness all the days of our life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we pray for our selves so we beseech thee, to look with favour upon the whole Church, increase the number of thy Children, grant thy Gospel a free

Meditations.

passage, comfort the comfortless, raise up them that are fallen, and strengthen them that stand, that they fall not; Have mercy upon this Realm, long continue thy blessing of peace and quietness towards us, and remove far from us all lets & hindrances of the same. Govern the Hearts and the Swords of all Magistrates, that they may not lift up themselves in vain glory, to please themselves, but that they may apply the authority which thou hast given them, to the advancement of thy Glory, for the comfort of thy Children, and the terror

Prayers and

of thine Enemies. And seeing the continuance of our peace in these dayes, next under thee, lieth in the preservation of our most gracious King; bless us with him, and bless him with all gifts fit for so high a calling: and whosoever shall attempt, devise or conspire ought against His Majesties Person, Crown, Dignity, and Royal Estate, we beseech thee in mercy either to convert them speedily, or in judgment to confound them, that we may under him lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty: Counsell the Counsellors, order

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order the Nobles, direct
the Magistrates, instruct
the Ministers, guide and
govern the whole body of
this Common-wealth, that
we may joyn together in
humbleness of heart, and
unity of mind, to seek the
glory of thy Name, the in-
crease of thy Kingdom, the
establisshing of thy Truth,
the rooting out of sin, the
maintenance of Virtue, &
the long continuance of
the prosperous estate
of this Common-wealth.
Have mercy upon them
that be in affliction in body
or in mind, especially such
as suffer for the testimony
of a good conscience; af-

Prayers and

swage their sorrows, mitigate there miseries speedily, if it be thy will, or else arm them with patience to abide such trial, as thou shalt lay upon them. Grant these things for thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whose Name we pray for the same, and all other Graces, which thou knowest needful, either for us or the whole Church, in the same Prayer which he himself hath taught us in his holy Word, saying,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

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*A most effectual Prayer,
against the Plague in the
time of Danger.*

36 **O** Lord God, great
JEHOVAH, thou
merciful Creator of Man,
and founder of Heaven &
Earth, we wretched mise-
rable and dejected sinners
here present our selves be-
fore thy Heavenly Throne,
intreating thee to look
down upon us, poore distressed
offenders. We confess we
are unworthy of the name
of thy Children, we have
despised thy Love, and for-
F 5 saken

Prayers and

faken thy ways, made
flight of thy Words, and re-
fused thy Chastisements,
without thinking what we
deserve: we have not fea-
red thy Judgments, nor
dreaded thy threatnings,
we have not sought thy
favour, nor listened after
thy mercies; we have win-
ked at our small sins; and
smothered our great sins,
we have promised amend-
ment, but still continue ob-
stinate: our thoughts are
wicked, our deeds damna-
ble, our lives impious, our
sayings deceitful, our
hearts hollow, our deal-
ings double, we run from
sin to sin, as though there
were

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were no Hell to swallow
us, no Devils to Torment
us, no Judge to terrifie us;
we fear not Hell, but look
after Heaven; we have
drawn down thy judg-
ments upon us, thou hast
justly sent the plague of
Pestilence upon us, and we
deserve to be swept away
from the face of the Earth.
Our sins are manifold,
our transgressions without
number, that have even
sought for vengeance, and
now according to our de-
serts, thou hast sent the de-
stroying Angel to mark us
out for death. The Grave
seeks to devour us, the
Bells toll for us, death and
time

time are agreed to carry
us away, Heaven calls for
us, & Hell is prepared, our
days are ended, our Glass
is run, our Time is spent, &
we cannot return, but for-
ward we must go. If we
look back, the World refus-
eth us; if forward, the De-
vils desire us, only in thy
merciful help there is
hope, & on thee we depend
for help. O help us, good
God; O spare us, sweet Sa-
viour, and as thou didst
spare in the time of King
David, and chargest the
destroying Angel to cease,
so we beseech thee now to
spare thy people, cease thy
anger, take, we intreat thee,

this

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this Plague of Pestilence from us withhold back thy wrath, and as thou sparedst the repenting *Ninivites*, so make us repent, and spare this Land. O Lord, help us unfeignedly to bewail our former life past, and seek effectual amendment for a better Life hereafter, to which better Life presently bring us; Lord, we beseech thee, and therein hold us for ever by the power of thy Grace in Jesus Christ: To whom with thee, O Father, and the blessed Spirit, be Glory by us for all thy mercies on us, now and ever. *Amen,*

Prayers and



A Prayer for remission of sins.

47 **O** LORD, glorious,
everlasting, loving,
everlasting Father, I wret-
ched Sinner presume once
again after my sin to return
home unto thee, request-
ing, begging, praying and
desiring of thy Heavenly
Majesty, that thou wilt
look down upon me. I con-
fess, were it not for the
hope of thy mercy, and the
hold of thy comfort, and
the renewing graces which
sometimes I feel from thee,
and that sweet tast and
feel-

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feeling of thy good gifts, & thy heavenly word. I should sink in despair; for my sins are always before me, if I go they follow me, if I run they fly after me, if I look back, they stare upon me; if I go forward, they meet me; if I run to the right hand, they terrifie me; if to the left hand, they torment me; if I look down to the Earth, Hell is ready to devour me. Now have I no way but to look up to thee; Lord, be thou then thereready to receive me; help me good God, save me dear Father, succour me sweet Redeemer, assist me merciful Creator, that

Prayers and

that my Prayers may be so
servent, so zealous, so affe-
ctionate towards thee, that
they may draw down thy
mercies upon me; pour
down thy blessings, shower
down thy graces, open thy
hand of mercy, restore joy
and comfort to my heavy
and laden Soul; wash away
all my sins, wipe away mine
iniquities, heal mine infir-
mities, purge my wicked
Mind of all ill thoughts,
pardon all my damnable
deeds and detestable deal-
ings; renew the good Spi-
rit of heavenly Grace, re-
store the joys of thy holy
comforts upon me, O Lord,
let me have some feeling,
some

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Some taste, some scent, some
glimmering of thy glori-
ous Presence. Let me feel
some comfort, find some
joy, have some rest. Good
Lord, let me be once truly
renewed by thy Grace, &
settled in thy service, that I
never slip nor slide back;
but grant unto me (most
merciful Father) a sure &
settled dependance upon
thee, so that in all my
words, works and deeds, I
may rejoyce in serving,
fearing & obeying thee, &
that I may spend all the re-
sidue of my days, truly ser-
ving thee, seeking to glori-
fiethy name, & magnifiethy
goodness unto me, so long
as

Prayers and

as it shall please thee to
lend me breath in this frail
body ; & merciful Father,
favourably govern & guide,
Help, Instruct and Teach
me in thy wisdom to mag-
nifie thy Name ; multiply
and increase thy mercies
on me. O Lord, preserve
and prosper me in all my
ways and works, and all
about me. Remember thy
poor Flock, build up thy
Church, renew *S I O N*,
govern, assist, and bless all
painful Preachers and Pa-
stors of thy Word ; teach
them & us understanding,
rightly to know thee, and
truly to follow thee : awake
my drowfie Soul, defend

it

Meditations.

from evil imaginations;
keep me in holy and hea-
venly Meditations; grant
me to observe my ways,
so that I may walk in Pie-
ty and Peace; let my sins
be before mine Eyes, that
when I look back on them,
I may with sorrow weep,
lament and repent my
time past, which hath been
spent so wickedly or un-
profitably. O Powerful
Preserver, remember me,
restore me to joy & com-
fort, and hasten in timely
Salvation unto me. Draw
my lingring Soul, and it
shall run after thee, turn
me unto thee with all wil-
lingness, come thou near
unto

Prayers and

unto me (good Lord) and
declare and shew thy mer-
cies on me; establish me in
Grace, excite me to good-
ness; give me Grace that
may always grow stron-
ger and stronger to walk
before thee, weaker and
weaker to sin, faithful and
firm in thy service: Grant
this (dear God) and mer-
ciful Father, for Christ
sake our Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for God's Grace

48 **O** Merciful G O D
grant me to covet
with an ardent desire, those
things

Meditations.

things which may please thee, to read the Scriptures diligently, to search them wisely, to know them truly, to understand them rightly, to fulfil them perfectly, to the Laud, Glory and Praise of thy Name, and my own Souls true comfort. Order my living so, that I may do that which thou requirest of me, and give me grace that I may know it, and have will & power to do it, and that I may obtain those things which be most convenient for the Salvation of my Soul. Good Lord, make my ways sure and straight to thee, so that I
fall

Prayers and

fall not between prosperie
and aduersity ; but that
prosperous things I may
give thee thanks, and
aduersity be patient,
that I be not lift up with
the one, nor oppress'd with
the other ; and that I may
rejoyce in nothing but that
which moveth me to thee,
nor be sorry for any thing
but that which draweth
me from thee ; desiring to
please none, but for thee
nor fear to displease any
besides thee. Lord let
worldly things be alike
to me in respect of thee.
Let me not be merry with
the joy which is without
thee, and let me desire no
thing

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thing in comparison of thee,
let me grow weary of all
which is not in thee, make
me to lift my heart of-
tentimes unto thee, and
when I am ready to fall, do
thou sustain and uphold
me, and grant me with a
stedfast purpose of amend-
ment to seek grace of thee.
O my God, make me hum-
ble without fainting, mer-
ry without lightness, sad
without dulness, true with-
out doubleness, serving
thee without desperation,
trusting in thee without
presumption, telling my
Neighbours their Faults
without dissimulation, tea-
ching them not with words
only,

Prayers and

only, or admonition, but
much more by my exam-
ple. Let me be obedient
without revenging, patient
without grudging. Purge
me (O Lord) from all
corruptions. My most lov-
ing Lord God, give me,
pray thee, a waking heart
let no evil thoughts with-
draw me from thee, let
be so strong that no world-
ly affections draw it back-
ward, so stable that no tri-
bulation break it, so free
that no violence make any
challenge unto it. O
Lord God, grant me wis-
dom to know thee, con-
versation to please thee,
finally; hope to embrace

thee

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thee. Grant this most merciful Father, for the precious blood of that immaculate Lamb, Christ Jesus, our only Lord and Saviour: to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, be all Glory and Honour, World without end.

Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.



A Prayer for a quiet Conscience.

49 **M**OST merciful;
most loving; and
dear Father, I poor di-
G distressed

Prayers and

troubled sinner, being distressed in Mind, troubled in Conscience with distraction and vanity of the World, and oppressed heart with the burden of my sins, come unto thee with a wounded and dejected Soul, intreating thee of thy clemency, to ease me of my troubles, to cease my grief, and comfort my heaviness, gather together my distressed thoughts, and heal my broken heart; for I acknowledge, that I am justly afflicted, so justly that I am even ready to despair of all comforts, but yet my hope is, in thy goodness.

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(O God) come now, I cry
and call, hearken unto my
suit, and hear me, so that I
may find comfort and
peace, and quietness in
my mind. Grant this dear
Jesus, who hast bid us to
come to thee when we are
heavy laden, and promi-
sed to ease us, and com-
manded us to cast our care
on thee, and promised to
help us, even so, Lord
Jesus, come quickly. *A-
men.*

*A Prayer against wicked
and carnal Thoughts,*

50 **O** Great, good, glo-
rious, and ete-
rning Father, I poor de-
jected

Prayers and

Wretched wretch, full of filth
and sin, not having one
good thought in me, come
at this time, seeking to
leave my filthy, detestable
Life, desiring thee to grant
my requests, fulfil my de-
sires, and hearken to my
Prayers and Petitions:
confess continually, that
I sin in thought, word and
deed, and there is no good
remaineth in me: When
I think to be fervent in
Prayer, the Devil, the
World and Flesh, assault
me: I cannot do as I would,
I do that which I would
not; Sin follows me, shame
is like to overtake me,
confusion is like to lay
hold

Meditations.

hold upon me, destruction;
that tends me, and horror
and fear affrights me: I
have nowhere to flee but
to thee; help good God,
save me merciful Father,
defend me sweet Creator
a poor wretched Creature;
pull me from my sins, save
and succour me, pardon
and forgive me, wash me,
make me clean, give me
Spiritual Thoughts, and
renew all good purposes
in me, help me to abandon
all foolish, vain, and lustful
thoughts of the flesh; to
avoid, resist, and shake off
all malicious, reproachful,
and froward Thoughts,
that proceed from the
G 3 Devil,

Prayers and

Devil, or Worldly occasion, so that I may live purely, think chastly, continue soberly in thy service, always fearing to displease so loving a Father as thee, regarding my ways and works, giving good examples to all that live about me, desiring and seeking for nothing, but thee, and thy saving health. Grant this, good Father, both now and ever, for Christ Jesushis sake. *Amen.*



A humble confession of sin.

O LORD GOD,
heavenly Father, I
am

Meditations.

am ashamed to come before thee, and thy glorious throne; I am so sinful, yet hear me, good God, and grant my request. By my rebellious nature, I have offended; I confess my self unworthy of the name of thy Child: I have despised thy Love, forsaken thy ways, made slight of thy Words, scorned thy Chastisements, which thou hast laid upon me, without thinking what I deserve: I have not felt the affliction of my Brethren: I have not mourned with them; I fear not thy Judgment, nor dread thy threatening: What shall I say?

Prayers and

say? I regard not thy Mercies; Curses, and Punishments have I deserved, having so vilely, so wilfully, and so obstinately despised thy Favours, I run after sin as Swine after filth, I delight in evil: I apply myself to ungodliness, I tread the steps of the prophane and wicked, I incline to Lying, Deceit and Cozenage, I lusty Perjury, and all Wickedness, I go sly away with my Transgressions, I wink at great sin, and I make small sins fine sins at all, I promise amendment, but still continue obstinate, I am prone and apt to all badness, dull
and

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and heavy to all goodnes;
my thoughts are wicked,
my deeds damnable, my
Life impious, my Sayings
deceitful, my Heart hol-
low; I say one thing and
do another, I run from sin
to sin, from drunkenness to
lust, from lust to great sins,
from one bad deed to ano-
ther, from one ill thought
to another: I am stained
with Pollution, trust with
Covetousness, desirous of
the World, ambitious of
Honour, I never look back
how wicked I have been,
but continue as though
there were no Hell to swal-
low me, no Devils to tor-
ment me, no Conscience to

Prayers and

accuse me, no Judgment to
terrifie me, I regard not
Hell, nor look after Hea-
ven, I become loathsome
unto thee; yet most glori-
ous **LORD GOD**, once a-
gain look back, I beseech
thee, behold and pity me,
poor condemned Wretch,
tear me a pardon. Help, O
help me, dear Father, open
the Fountain of thy Mer-
cies, let down the shower
of thy Grace upon me. Let
tears distil from my eyes,
Sighs and Sobs rise from
my heart; let sorrow kill
my sins, & grant unto me
speedy courses of amend-
ment of life, and a stedfast
and sure confidence in thy
mer-

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mercy to pardon all my
sins, & thy Grace to purge
me from all my unclea-
ness and wickedness, by
Jesus Christ my Lord and
Saviour. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to be said of all
that are fallen into Poverty.*

52 **O** Merciful, ever-li-
ving and loving
Father, I intreat thee, upon
the bended knees of my
Soul, to hearken unto my
grievous complaints: grant
(O Lord God) that I may
be enabled to go through
all the afflictions thou hast
pleased to lay upon me, &
that

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that at all times I may call
to mind, that it is not me
only, but many of thy dear
Servants, with whom thou
dealest in like sort. Grant
I may bear my Poverty
with Patience, as Job did,
that all my times I may re-
member I came naked into
the World, and brought
nothing with me, and that
which I have had, came
from thee. Grant merciful
Father, that in all extremi-
ties I may never despair of
thy mercy, but that by it, I
may be more inclined to
call & seek for thy spiritual
comforts & heavenly bles-
sing. And though I want
worldly Wealth, yet grant
me

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me thy heavenly graces, so
shall I not want; and grant
that the afflictions of this
life, may be sanctified unto
me, and turn to my eter-
nal good, thro' Jesus Christ
our Lord and Saviour. *Men.*

A Prayer in Prosperity.

§ 3 **I** Wretched sinner ap-
pear here before thee
merciful Father, intreating
thee of thy great bounty,
that at all times thou hast
given me a more liberal
portion of worldly wealth,
so thou wilt please to
grant me Grace ever to be
thankful to thee for the
same;

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same; and grant I may be
use it, that it may be for
thy Glory, my Salvation,
& the Comfort of the need-
dy. Grant I may not be
hard hearted, but liberally
give and bestow it upon
the oppressed and father-
less; on the blind, the lame,
& the naked; to comfort &
succour all that are in di-
stress; to further thy word
and plantation of thy Gos-
pel. O grant (most merci-
ful Father) that the more
earthly blessings that thou
givest me, I may the more
seek thy heavenly Graces,
& that I may be the more
humbled in due considera-
tion of my great unthank-
fulness;

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fulness; and that I may
seek to live more piously
and religiously; and that
when I depart this vale of
misery, I may be mindful
to leave some Good and
Godly examples of Char-
ity to those that follow.
Grant that this my wealth
may not be a stumbling-
block or hinderance to my
Salvation, but that it may
be a furtherance to me in
all good and godly actions.
Grant this good God, even
for Christ Jesus sake, I in-
treat thee; to whom with
thee and thy Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory now
and ever. *Amen.*

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Prayers and

*A Prayer for all in distress
Sea, by Storm or Tempest.*

54 **O** Lord God, Heavenly Father, maker and founder of the Sea and Land, look down upon us miserable Sinners, who have justly plucked down thy vengeance upon us: O Lord we have provoked thy Wrath, we have deserved to be swallowed up quick by the merciless Waters? O Father, the floods come over us, they even enter into our Soul, O Lord, the Seas rage & rise against us: Here we see thy Wonders and Judgment: in the twink-

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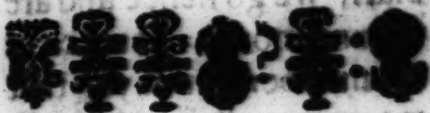
twinkling of an Eye thou
canst destroy us. O Lord, we
confess and acknowledge
we have sinned. Most justly
therefore are thy fierce
Judgments come upon us:
Yet (Lord spare us (Lord)
we beseech thee; let us not
be swallowed up quick,
where there is none to help
us, but thou canst save us, O
Lord, cease these storms &
tempests; cease, we beseech
thee, these swelling Seas;
command these blustering
winds and they shall obey.
We are at the pit of Des-
truction, at the brink and
brim; Save us, Master we pe-
rish; Lord increase our faith;
strengthen it in thee: Mer-
ciful

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ciful Father, take us, we be-
seech thee, into thy prote-
ction: be, O Lord, our shel-
ter; and, if thou hast ap-
pointed death unto us at
this present, (O Lord) be
thou present, we beseech
thee, to receive our Souls,
until the joyfull Resurrecti-
on of our Bodies, and then
receive our Bodies and
Souls into thy Kingdom.
If it be life, then grant we
may so live, that we may
take warning by these affli-
ctions now upon us, that
we may live to amend our
lives, and live more godli-
ly, religiously and righte-
ously all the days of our
lives. Grant this good God,
and

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and merciful Father, for
Jesus Christ his sake, our
only Saviour, *Amen.*



*A Prayer for one that Tra-
vels by Land.*

§§ **O** Lord, lead me in
the paths of righte-
ousness, and direct my go-
ings in the way of truth.
We (O Lord) are born to
Travel, and Man hath no
certain place of abode; our
days are like a span, and
our lives pass as a weavers
shuttle. O what is man that
thou art mindful of him,
or

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of the Son of Man, that thou regardest him? We are like to a bubble, or a blast, we go hence and are seen no more. O teach us to number our days, that we may walk in the paths of godliness; direct our steps in the word of Truth, and as thou hast appointed Man to be a Pilgrim, & to travel for his living, & sojourn upon the earth, so, O Lord, guide & govern me in my travel, that I may go on with Comfort in this my Journey. Be thou my God, my help, and guide to direct me aright in my way and business; keep me from all fears and dangers
by

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by Thieves, or other mischief and trouble; that I may have no disturbance in my Journey, no lets nor hindrances, no sorrow nor heaviness, but for my sins; and, O Lord, keep and bless all my Friends at home & abroad, and keep them and me in perfect health, till my return unto them. Thou (O Lord) knowest the sorrows of my heart, and I cannot express my griefs so well as thou knowest them: Then (O Lord) let me ever feel and find accordingly thy Comfort; do thou put good Thoughts and godly Cogitations always in my Mind, that I
may

Prayers and

may to think upon Heavenly things, as one that hath set and settled his affections and desires to come unto that place. Gracious Lord, make all my Thoughts, Words, and Works, well pleasing unto thee: And now let thy good Angels conduct and lead me, that they may be as a Cloud by day, and as a Pillar by night, to watch and attend upon me, to keep me, that I fall not, nor go away. And for my chief Companion, grant that I may ever have a quiet Conscience, and a willing mind to serve, fear, and obey thee, and a con-

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trite and sorrowful Soul
for sin; and so direct me
in the ways of Truth, that
I may not stray, or go a-
way by any by-paths of
ungodliness, but conduct
me in the steadfast ways of
uprightness, wherein give
me strength and grace to
strive to perform in all
things thy most righteous
Will, and to submit my self
unto thee, through Jesus
Christ our only Lord and
Saviour. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for a sick Man.

56 **O** Lord, glorious, loving Lord God, beseech thee to hear my Complaint, and grant me strength to pour out my Prayer before thee ; O God I have sinned, I have sinned, and done wickedly, I have all my life long run from sin to sin ; I have transgressed, I have done so bad, that I cannot call to remembrance. Yet merciful Saviour, return unto me, that I may have a feeling of that good Spirit in me : Let not the sin of my youth

Meditation.

youth, nor the iniquity of
that time lie upon me;
and O GOD, as thou hast
laid thy hand of Affliction
upon me, so I do intreat
thee to arm me with pa-
tience to bear this my Visi-
tation patiently. If it be
thy will to take me out of
this transitory Life, pre-
pare me so, O good God, &
fit me, that I may be recei-
ved into thy Kingdom.
Arm me, and strengthen
me to bear the burthen
hereof patiently, to under-
go this my affliction wil-
lingly, and to fight it out
manfully. But unless thou
help, what am I, O God?
A Worm, a poor dejected
H Wretch.

Prayers and

Wretch. I have no comfort
but from thee, and of
thee; therefore I do cry
unto thee, beseeching
thee either to restore
me to health, and with-
al to amendment of Life,
or else to receive me & to
take me into thy Kingdom
of Glory. Lord, cease my
pain, ease my grief. LORD,
I intreat thee to grant, that
neither the Devil nor the
World, may any way pre-
vail to attempt me, but
grant me strength to over-
come all. Send the good
Angels to keep & conduct
me, both in sickness, and in
health, & grant I may not
fear Death, but that I may

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be fitted and prepared for
it, yet, if it be thy gracious
Will; Let me recover a
little strength, and spare
me a little before I go hence,
and am no more seen. O
grant that I may find thy
Grace now work for my
good in me; that if it be
thy Will to take me hence,
Lord receive me unto
thee, and then come Lord
Jesus, come quickly. And
so Lord commit and com-
mend my self unto thee, in
that Prayer which thou
hast taught me, saying,

Our Father which art, &c.

*Lord strengthen my Faith
to the end.*

I believe in God, &c.

Prayers and

A Prayer for a Woman at the time of her Travel.

57 **R**ighteous and holy
Lord God, I
now find by experience
the fruit of my sin, that
I must travel in sorrow, and
bring forth in Pain, and
unfeignedly adore
the truth of thy sacred Word
as certifying unto me, that
sorrow must be in the
evening, so comforting
also against the Morning
that a Child shall be born
willingly I do desire
to submit my self, in hope
unto this thy Chastise-
ment, and to learn the

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fest of my sins, horrible in themselves, that these temporal pains are fore-runners of eternal, and yet by thy Mercy may be so sanctified unto me, as not only to prevent eternal Vengeance, but also prepare for eternal Comfort, even to be saved by bearing of Children. Grant me therefore, gracious Father, true repentance and pardon for my sins past, that they may not stand at this time, in this my need, between me and thy Mercy. Give me a comfortable feeling of thy love in Christ, which may sweeten all other pangs,

Prayers and

though never so violent
extremo. Make me still
lift up my Soul unto thee
in my greatest Agonies
knowing that thou alone
must give a blessing to
ordinary means for my
safe deliverance. Lay
more upon me than I am
able to endure, and
strengthen my weak body
to the bearing of what for
row soever, by which I
shall seem good unto thee
to make trial of me. Grant
me to consider, that how
soever it be with me, yet
I am always in thine hand,
whose mercies fail not,
who will be found in the
Mount, and in greatest ex-
tremity,

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tremity, and to whom be
the issues of death; So
prepare me therefore to
death, that I may be fit
for life even to yield fruits
unto the World, and
to be renewed and ena-
bled to nourish the same.
And when thou hast safely
given me the expected
fruit of my Womb, make
me with a thankful heart
to consecrate both it and
my self wholly to thy ser-
vice all the days of my
Life, through Jesus Christ
mine only Saviour and
Redeemer. *Amen.*

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*A Thanksgiving after
Deliverance.*

58 **B**lessed for ever
thy great and gl
rious Name, (most de
and loving Father) for the
great mercy to me me
weak and sinful Woman
wonderful art thou in al
thy Works, O LORD, the
riches of thy Mercies are
past finding out: thou hast
plunged me into great Af
flictions, and yet thou hast
returned and refreshed me
again: Thou hast brought
me to the fear of the
Grave, and yet thou hast
raised me up again to Life.

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O how hast thou shewed
thy power in my weak-
ness? How hath thy loving
kindness prevailed against
my unworthiness? Thou
mightest for my sins, have
left me to perish in mine
extremities, but thou hast
compassed me about with
joyful deliverances. Thou
mightest have made my
Womb a Grave to bury
the Dead; or in affording
life to another, thou mightest
have procured my
Death: But yet thou hast
not only made my Womb
a Well-spring of Life, but
restored Life unto me also,
for the cherishing thereof.
Marvelous, O Lord, are

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Prayers and

thy works; infinite are thy mercies, my Soul by present experience knoweth it will. O my Soul praise thou the Lord, and all that is within me, praise his holy Name. My Soul praise thou the Lord, and forget not all his benefits: thou hast heard my prayers, and looked upon my sorrow; thou hast redeemed my life from death, and healed mine infirmities, and Crowned me with thy everlasting compassions. O give me, I humbly pray thee, a thankful Heart, not only now, while the memory and sense of thy favour is fresh before me, but continually, even so long as I have

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have any being. Grant that I may learn by this lively evidence of thy Power and Mercy, for ever hereafter to depend only on thee: Quicken me also, to all holy Duties, that my thankfulness may appear in my pure and Christian Carriage. Make me a kind and careful Mother, willing to undergo the pain and trouble of Education. Let no niceness or curiosity hinder me from those Services, to which both Nature and Religion have appointed me. Let me also be careful when time requireth, to season the Fruit thou hast given me, with

Prayers and

with the saving knowledge
of thee and thy dear Son;
that my desire may mani-
festly appear to be set for
the increase of thy King-
dom. Vouchsafe so to order
my afflictions, and to bring
me in obedience unto
thee, that if it should be thy
pleasure, either now or
hereafter, to take this In-
fant from me, I may as
willingly part with it, as
thou freely gavest it me.
And now, O God, perfect in
me that strength which
thou hast begun; make me
to grow in care to serve
thee faithfully, both in the
duties of Piety, & in other
business of my Place and

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Calling, that I may be a
comfort to my Husband,
an example to my Neigh-
bours, a grace to my Pro-
fession, and a means of glo-
ry to thy Name, through
Jesus Christ my Lord and
Saviour. *Amen.*



*A Prayer at the hour
of Death.*

59 **O** Heavenly LORD
GOD, we poor
wretches being overcome
with grief, come all here,
attending thy good plea-
sure with this sick Servant
of thine : O Lord, incline
to

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to hear our Prayers, and
his complaint unto thee.
But now, O Lord, present,
and send thy good Angels
and thy Spirit to attend
us; be with us (O Lord)
and comfort this sick Per-
son; and now, if the time
become of his departure,
grant (O Lord) he may de-
part with godly comfort,
& joy everlasting, into thy
Kingdom. Ease (O Lord)
his griefs, mitigate his
pains, assuage his sorrows,
and give him a lively touch
of thy heavenly Com-
fort. Put by all worldly
thoughts, and beat down
all bad suggestions; let
nothing but good come
within

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within his mind, and grant
that he may to the last gasp
of his breath, breath out
still some comfort of thy
help; and grant when he
hath done his last to finish
this mortal life, then he may
with *Lazarus*, be carried
into *Abraham's* bosom. O
Lord forgive him. O Lord
receive him. O Lord pro-
tect him. O Lord succour
and save him; and now and
for ever grant he may rest
with thee in eternal Glory.
Hear us (good Father)
for this our Brother (or
Sister) and do for him (or
her) and us, according to
thy Fatherly mercy in Je-
sus Christ, to whom we
com-

Prayers and

commend him, with these
our Prayers for him, and all
his and our occasions, in
that Prayer which thy blef-
sed Son hath taught us,
Our Father which art, &c.

A Trance at the time of Death.

60 **O** Lord G O D, come
unto me, plant thy
Holy Angels about me, be
not far from me now; Lord
help, and take me into thy
protection: Let no ill Imagi-
nations, nor Wickedness take
hold upon me; but, O Lord,
now be ready to help me; re-
ceive me, and let thy good
Spirit

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Spirit be in me; Come
Lord Jesus, come quickly,
come receive me, and take
me into thy Tuition. I for-
give all the World, grant
me likewise forgiveness of
them, and of thee (Lord) for
all my sins. Wash me, O Lord,
and fully cleanse me of them
all, and so receive me, O Lord
save me, O Lord be my Rock,
my Shield, my Defence, my
Comfort, my Receiver. Now
Lord I yield myself, my soul
and my body, into thy hands,
come Lord Christ, and be
with me now and for ever.
Come Lord Jesus, come quick-
ly and receive my Soul into
thy Protection. Amen.

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A Prayer in time of War.

61 **O** Glorious LORD
G O D, and ever-
lasting Father, we intreat
thee mercifully to look
down upon us, and hearken
unto our Complaints and
Desires, and grant we be-
seech thee, our requests. O
Gracious Father, thou
knowest our sins, and our
iniquities are not hid from
thee, they lie open to thy
Judgment; yet we know
that thy mercies are the
cure of our miseries, and
when we fly to thee, thou
drawest near to us. We be-
seech

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beseech thee now to be favourable, and spare us for all our sins past, and be ready to deliver us from sins to come; look down in mercy upon us? and as thou hast been our everlasting defence, so now defend us from the rage of our Enemies: Go in and out (O Lord) before our Armies, before our General, before our Fleets and Commanders: And grant we may be thy Soldiers, to fight under thy Banner. Stir up our Hearts and Strengthen against the Enemy: Defend thy afflicted flock: Remember, we beseech thee, the burthen of

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of misery laid upon thy Church at this time, in *Germany, France, Ireland*, and elsewhere; and in thy due time restore it to her former Glory: Settle our Hearts and Affections to regain and recover that which hath been lost: And grant that we seeing their double dealing, may no longer trust to them which have no truth: They imagine mischief in their hearts; and are set on fire to do ill, but break thou the knot of their Malice, lay open their Plots, discover their Devices, weaken their Armies, overthrow their Intentions, confound their

Meditations.

their counsels, & consume
their numbers. O LORD,
thou hast in time past
made the Stars to fight in
order, the Sun to stand still,
the Seas to devour, the
Winds to overthrow thy
enemies: So now, O Lord,
cause these thy Creatures
to assist & help us, and our
distressed Neighbours, that
all the World may know
it is thou that fightest our
Battles, and undertakest
our cause. Finally, O Lord,
bless, we beseech thee, us
& every one of us, in what
we shall take in hand for
defence of thy CHURCH
and TRUTH. Bless, we
intreat thee, our King, our
State,

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State, our Clergy, our
Commonality, & give thy
blessing unto us all: And
last of all bleſs, we beſeech
thee, all the worthy Com-
pany of Soldiers in the
chief City, and in all places
of this land. Bleſs, O Lord,
we intreat thee, there in-
ventions of War, and make
them expert by their pra-
ctices. Preſerve and pro-
ſper all our underraking,
ſo that all the World may
know that thou art the gui-
der of our Counſels, and
Leader of our Armies.
Grant this, dear Father,
and all other good things
unto us, for the good of
the Church amongſt us,
and

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and the relief of others by us, now and always, for Christ Jesus sake our only Saviour. *Amen.*

*A Form of Thanksgiving
and Prayer, to be used of
godly Christians in their
Families.*

62 **W**E most humbly
thank thee, O
heavenly Father, for all
thy loving-kindness so
abundantly shewed unto
us ; not only this day (or
night) but all the time of
our Life, unto this pre-
sent ; and especially for
that it hath pleased thee
of

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of thy fatherly favour, and
infinite love, before we have
done good or ill in this
sight, and before the begin-
ning of the world, to write
us in the Book of Life, and
unchangeably to ordain
that we should be thy Chil-
dren and Vessels prepared
to Honour, with the rest
of the Saints. And we
thank thee for the great
Work of our Creation,
which, as it is wonderful
in it self, being first framed
according to thine own
Image, in Wisdom, Hol-
iness and Immortality; so
doth the excellency there-
of much more clearly ap-
pear, in that thou hast

made

Meditations.

made infinite numbers of
other Creatures upon the
earth, in the heavens a-
bove, and in the waters be-
neath, not only far inferior
unto us, but to serve for
our use and benefits: Yea,
thou hast made thy holy
Angels ministring spirits to
attend, guard & defend thy
Children. But most especi-
ally, we praise thy holy
Name, & evermore thank
thy Majesty, for the aba-
sing, & manifesting of thine
only begotten Son in our
poor and frail Nature, that
he might in the same, yield
unto thee, O Father, a full
and perfect obedience for
us, such as in thy most just

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Law was required at
hands: And that by
most painful and
sufferings, Anguish
Horror both in Soul
Body, as well in death
Life, we might be
free from all those ever
lasting sorrows, fears &
torments deserved of us, &
prepared for all those
we do not believe: Even
was it thy good pleasure
O Father most merciful
that he in the very
obedience of our Nature
through that Almighty
power of thy God-head
should not only bear
intolerable weight of
our sins, together with

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the punishment due to the
same, but also overcome
sin, destroy the power of
sin in us, and obtain for us
a glorious victory over Sin,
the World, Death, Hell, and
all Enemies. Yea, that he
should restore unto us, by
the virtue and worthiness
of that his Obedience, all
good things which before
were lost through our fol-
ly and disobedience; and
that in a more perfect E-
state than ever we had
been; in so much as now
our strength, our Wisdom,
our righteousness, our wor-
thiness, our assurance of
thy favour, our joy & feli-
city, resteth not in our
I & ourselves

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selves frail Creatures
in him our only & Almi-
ty Saviour, who sitest
thy right hand in Glorie
Power for ever: that
henceforth there shall be
no more Sacrifice for
no other Mediator to
treat thy Majesty: no more
Deservers or Purchasers
thy favours for us, but
all flesh should confess
that there is no other
Name under Heaven,
which we may be saved
but only the Lord Jesus
And that whosoever re-
ceth, might rejoyce in
Cross of Christ. This My-
sty (O Lord) is too high
us, we cannot comprehend

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the fulness, the length, the
breadth, and the deepness
thereof perfectly; Yea, all
the Willdom of Man is
too grosse and blind to per-
ceive any part thereof
perfectly; the very Angels
do always wonder at the
same, and the Devil and
Antichrist, with all the
Princes of the World, have
laboured utterly to extin-
guish the knowledge and
memory of the same. Yet
now in these days, thou
hast again clearly revea-
led the same by the
preaching of the Word, &
we here present through
the abundance of thy
Grace, in some sort forced

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to see and feel the glorious
power of the same.

But such is our horrible
blindness, perverseness, va-
nity and unthankfulness
that we see it not clearly
we believe it not perfectly
nor weigh it sufficiently
nor meditate thereon effe-
ctually; for we should love
thy Majesty, for this fa-
mous work of our Re-
demption by Jesus Christ,
with a most perfect Love,
without all comparison, &
far above all other things
in the World. Whatsoever
we love, we should love
for thy sake, so that no
thing should be more dear
and joyful unto us, than
the

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the setting forth of thy
Glory, the praising of thy
Name, the furtherance of
thy true Religion, and pro-
perity of the Church; and
nothing so great a grief,
as the contrary to any of
these: But this love we find
very cold in us; for we
long not earnestly to be in
thy continual presence, we
are very negligent, & soon
weary in speaking unto
thy Majesty by Prayer, and
in hearing of thy Majesty
speaking unto us, by the
Ministry of thy Holy
Word: We take no Feli-
city in meditating of thy
Mercies, in declaring thy
Praises, in commending

Prayers and

thy wonderful . Works
Yea, we have oftentimes
more pleasure in beholding
vanities, in worldly mat-
ters, in idle and prophane
exercise, and in works of
darkness: We are violent
in revenging our own in-
juries, and in hating those
that do hurt our selves
but we are not so much
heartily grieved with those
that offend thy Majesty by
sin, and obscure thy Glo-
ry, by corrupting thy true
Religion; our love toward
our Brethren, ought to be
like the Love wherewith
thou hast loved us, that is
pure, uncorrupt, vehement
and everlasting; but we

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love for our own pleasures;
and for worldly respects;
we are soon provoked to
anger, we mislike long, we
are hard to be reconciled;
we are not so dutiful to our
Parents and Governours,
so kind to our Friends, so
charitable to Strangers, so
courteous to those that are
in necessity as we ought to
be. We should be holy and
pure as thou art pure, be-
cause thou (Lord) hast re-
deemed us from all impure-
ness, that we should con-
tinually offer up unto thee
our Souls and Bodies, as a
pure, living and acceptable
Sacrifice: And because we
art thy Temples wherein

Prayers and

it pleaseth thee to dwell by
thy Grace and holy Spirit
But we feel too too many
rebellious motions, and
corrupt cogitations, such
as we are ashamed to speak
of to any mortal Man: Our
minds should be drawn
up on high with the love
of heavenly and spiritual
Things, because we are
Strangers here, & Citizens
in Heaven; for that we
know the things that are
here below, to be uncer-
tain, and transitory as the
flower of the Grass; our
selves frail and mortal,
and the joys prepared for
us after this mortal life, to
be infinite, inestimable, and
ever-

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verlasting: Howbeit, we
pend a great part of our
me in following after the
things of this World, in
providing for this lump of
earth; our studies, cares
and communications, are
very earthly and prophane.
Finally, we have broken all
thy Laws, we can per-
form no good thing per-
fectly: We consider not al-
ways effectually, that we
are in thy presence, & that
all things are open unto
thee, be they in respect of
men never so secret: We
depend not constantly up-
on thy Providence, we rest
not with full contentation
of mind, in thy good plea-
sure.

Prayers and

sure; we have not yet le-
ned wholly to resign o-
selves, our Children, o-
Friends, and those blessing
which thou hast given
into thy hands, and to
contented without a
murmuring or repining
with that estate of Li-
wherein thou placest us
We are not careful enough
for those whom thou hast
committed to our especial
Charge. We corrupt and
abuse all thy good Gifts
We cannot rehearse the
multitude of our offences,
for we are guilty of infinite
Crimes, which we remem-
ber not, nor ever knew,
because of our ignorance

and

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and negligence. And although we be in so ill a case, so vile of Nature, so void of goodness, so full of infirmities, and so near a thousand destructions, yet are we not thoroughly humbled before thee: We do not loath and lament our sins as we ought to do; we flatter our selves, we extenuate our faults, we inwardly dislike those that admonish us, we are slow in reforming of our selves; yea, which thou of all things most abhorrest, we are soon blown up with vain glory, & made proud of thy Gifts, and of those good things which thou of
thy

Prayers and

thy goodness workest in
us and by us: Therefore,
O Lord, according to the
multitude of these our mis-
eries, we fly unto the throne
of thy Grace, as they that
are guilty of infinite crimes,
craving thy pardon, as they
that are ashamed of their
foulness, and fain would
be washed with the Blood
of thy Son Jesus Christ, as
they that are wounded to
everlasting death, and de-
sire to be healed with the
Sovereign Oil of thy Grace
and Holy Spirit. O Lord,
forsake not those who de-
sire earnestly to forsake
themselves. Receive us in-
to thy Favour, who only
appeal.

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appeal to thy Mercies. We know not any way to come unto thee, nor any means to obtain any good thing at thy hands, but only by him, even our Lord & Saviour, who saith, *I am the way, the truth, and the life.* Who hath promised, that *whatsoever we ask in his Name, thou wilt give it us:* And of whom thou thy self hast witnessed by all the Prophets and Apostles, that *He is the propitiation for all our Sins.* In him therefore, and thro, him we ask all good things of thy infinite Majesty. O Lord, although our Faith be weak, our Repentance,

Prayers and

penitance, our Sanctification, and all things in us imperfect, yet hear and accept us for the worthiness and perfection of thy Son, our Advocate and Redeemer. O Lord our God, forsake not the work of thine own Hands, remember not our sins any more, but vouchsafe to finish that new birth which thou hast begun in us; and to this end, we beseech thee always to soften and to prepare our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, unto the perfect obedience of thy Gospel, and to imprint in our Consciences a deep feeling of our sins, howbeit

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in such measure, as that we be not driven thereby to despair of thy mercies, but better humbled before thee, provoked to a more serious Repentance of our former evil Life, to a greater fervency in praying, and seeking for thy help, and a more carefulness ever hereafter to flee even the shadow of every evil thing, and all occasions of offending against thee, and our brethren: but because it is not enough to avoid evil; we beseech thee to give us a full assurance and a sweet feeling of thy Love towards us in Jesus Christ; wherewith our hearts.

Prayers and

hearts being thoroughly inflamed, we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of thy Holy Spirit, and show our faith by good works, to the testifying of our most dutiful Service towards thee: (O Lord our God) the stopping of the mouths of the ungodly, and provoking of a great many to praise thy most holy Name, for those good things which thou hast wrought in us: Therefore grant us, O most merciful Lord, a zeal for thy Glory, according to knowledge, boldness for thy Cause, joyned with Humility, Wisdom with Sincerity, joy-

Meditations.

joyfulness of mind, and true sadness for our sins, and the afflictions of our brethren. Teach us to obey and reverence our Superi-ors, to be loving to all our Equals and Inferiors, charitable to our Enemies, desirous to do good to all Men, to be diligent in our Callings, to abhor all deceitful and unrighteous dealings. Make us thankful for all thy benefits, faithful in using them according to thy will, patient in forbearing of them, constant in suffering the loss of all earthly benefits for thy everlasting truth. And because it is thy good pleasure,

Prayers and

sure, that we ~~thou~~ ^{we} ~~shall~~ ^{may} ~~wre~~
and strive against our
bellious Nature, and a
Host of spiritual Enemies
we beseech thee to arm
from above with the com-
pleat armour of thy grace
And for as much as our
Strength and Fortitude
nothing in respect of our
adversaries, assist us mighti-
ly, that in all Temptations
Dangers and Assaults, we
may lay sure hold with the
hand of Faith upon the Vi-
ctory of our Saviour Jesus
Christ, that albeit we be
not able to overcome
our own persons; yet we
may overcome in his which
hath overcome for us, and

As it is written.

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After this Warfare finished, be made partakers of those Promises which are knit unto the victory, even the Crown of Glory, the fellowship of all the Saints, and the most comfortable Presence of thy Maiesty, through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And we pray not only for our selves, but also for all Nations of the World, that they may be called to the comfortable Light, and effectual feeling of thy Gospel thro' the Preaching of the same; and for those that are already called, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee to make up, and happily

Prayers and

pily to finish that heavenly
Work of the new Birth
which thou in mercy hast
begun in them, strengthening
and comforting their
Souls daily more and more
with the lively Food of
thy blessed Word and Sa-
craments, sincerely mini-
stered, according to the
most holy Ordinance; to
which inestimable Grace
we beseech thee to make
this Church of *England* par-
taker of, yet more abun-
dantly. And to this end, we
most humbly crave of thy
Majesty, to bless thy Ser-
vant *William*, our gracious
King and Governor, with
all manner of Excellence

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Blessings, that he may
worthily seek, and set forth
thy Glory, by advancing
thy true Religion, and
suppressing all things that
hinder the same. Give
Grace to this Honourable
Parliament, and to all that
be put in Authority under
them, faithfully to assist
in this great Work. Make
the Ministers of thy Work
zealous in thy Truth, dili-
gen in their Office, wise in
propounding thy Myste-
ries unto the people, happy
and comfortable in their
labors. Increase the num-
ber of them, for they are
few, and great is the mul-
titude of those that want
and

Prayers and

and thirst after thy Word
Finally, shew thy self
Lord) mighty and me-
ful, in relieving and com-
forting all those that be
afflicted and humbled by
any kind of Calamity, whe-
ther it be extreme Pove-
ry, or bodily Sicknes,
inward grief of Mind,
the burden of their Sin.
But especially, remember
those in thy mercy, who
are in Bonds or Troubles
for thy Truth; grant
unto them patience in suf-
fering, and chearfulness
in Praising thy Glorious
Name, for thy everlasting
Love towards them.
Christ, and constancy

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Professing a good cause
with a good Conscience
unto the end, through our
Lord Jesus Christ, in whose
Name we pray for these
and all other graces need-
ful, either for our selves, or
for the whole Church, as
he hath taught and com-
manded us, saying,

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



A Heavenly Meditation.

63 **O** LORD my
GOD, and most
gracious Father in Jesus
K Christ;

Prayers and

Christ, I wretched sinner
here prostrate before the
Throne of Grace, do ever
out of the deep afflictions
my wretched heart, look
upon thee, and with sighs
and groans unfeigned for
sin my humbled Soul do
call upon thee, who art my
only hope, stay, and refuge
in all distresses, being of
power only to help, and
canst only ease and set me
free. Look not upon my
sins, I humbly beseech thee
let them not stand be-
tween me and thy mercy.
Set aside all my guiltiness
blot out all my transgressi-
ons, which daily and hourly
do highly provoke thee.

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nowrath and indignation
against me; and behold
me in mercy, for thy Son
Christ Jesus sake; in, by
and for whom only, mercy
is to be had. I know and
acknowledge, O Lord, that
thou art a just God in all
thy judgments, and none
more fit and worthy to
receive the sharpest ralt of
thine afflicting and correct-
ing hand than my self, in
respect of the huge heap
of sin and wickedness by
me committed: But as
thou art most just, so (glo-
rious Father) thou art also
most merciful, and upon
thy gracious favour and
goodness in Christ Jesus,

Prayers and

I poor, miserable, sinful wretch do depend, being my sole and only support in my greatest distresses and dangers, be it by sickness, disgraces, losses, or any other cross or calamity whatsoever. And whenever any of these outward afflictions are upon me, or any other inward conflicts of the mind do take hold on me (how sharply & bitterly soever) yet teach me, O Lord, by thy Grace to make use thereof to my comfort, and that I may find, feel, and confess that it is thy hand, dear Father, that smite me, and that thou smitest

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me for my good, even that
the burning heat of sin
may be quenched in me,
and I be wholly drawn
from my corrupt ways,
lest I perish with this wic-
ked, ungodly, and grace-
less World: Therefore,
direct thou my heart and
mind, to joy in this and all
other thy fatherly correcti-
ons, and to praise thy Ma-
jesty for the same, and with
gladsomness of heart, to
entertain griefs, troubles,
or any affliction of the
sharpest kind, that thy fa-
therly goodness shall think
meet to lay upon me; for,
O LORD, this wretched
Carcase of mine is a mass

Prayers and

of corruption, favouring
of nothing else but earth
and earthly matter, full of
Blains, Sores, and deep
Wounds, and had need of
some sharp Corrosive to
cleanse the same, that they
may be the better cured;
otherwise (dear Father)
this poor Imprisoned Soul
of mine cannot escape
from being defiled with all
manner of evil, and there-
by in hazard to be spoiled
of those Heavenly Gra-
ces, wherewith it should
be adorned and beautified
to Eternal Life. This
wretched Soul of mine
(most gracious God) doth
pine away for sorrow and

even

Meditations.

even pant for breath, longing to receive increase of life from the living Stock Christ Jesus, which must be thy work, (and thy work only;) and work this effectually, I humbly beseech thee, which way thou wilt, and do thou give what thou wilt have me to do, and then do what thou wilt to me, and with me, thy unworthy Servant. For though I should walk through the Valley of the shadow of Death, I could fear none evil; for thou art with me, thy Rod and thy Staff do comfort me: If I should enter into an enumeration of my sins, there

Prayers and

is no end of them: For,
how much time have I
idly spent? How much
time have I vainly spent?
How much time have I
most wickedly spent? And
how little time have I em-
ployed in thy Service?
This, O LORD, carrieth
in it an infinite number of
sins, and for this I deserve
justly to be forsaken of
thee, and to be reserved &
left unto endless condem-
nation both of Body and
Soul, But, however in
Youth I have not heeded
this, or in Age may easily
forget this, yet let thy grace
(most gracious Father) re-
mind the one, inform the
other,

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other, and reform both
that by thy Grace I may be
taught and directed, with
judgment to feel, with
conscience to acknowledg,
with remorse to lament my
former strayings and steps
ignorantly undertaken, un-
graciously followed, and
fearfully continued to my
endless danger, if thou
O Lord, do not in mercy
stay my courses, & set me
in the right path of eternal
salvation: Be pleas'd to this
end (most loving Father) to
follow me still with thine
afflicting hand, which is
thy Fatherly School, by
the which thou dost warn
& admonish thy Children

Prayers and

and Servants to look into their sins past, whereby they provoke thee to punish, thou dost teach and instruct them to behold the sins present, which provoke still, and to see into the peril and danger to come, unto which sin doth bring them, and by which thou dost punish and correct them; not to destruction, but to amendment. Therefore, dear God, let me embrace Affliction as a welcome Guest, that Sin the cause thereof may be more & more wasted, and Glory the end thereof may be more & more hastened. Thou takest no pleasure in

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punishing thy Children :
but because thou wilt not
the death of a Sinner, but
that he may turn and live;
therefore thou punishest:
which is the chastising Rod
of a loving Father, and not
the sharpest Sword of a
severe Judge. It is amend-
ment that thou lookest for,
which is the sweet fruit of
true and unfeigned Repen-
tance. But to turn to thee
in part, and not wholly, is
no Repentance: To sorrow
for sin, & to forbear sin in
time of Affliction only, is
no Repentance: To have
an inward touch for sin
without CHRIST, is no
Repentance: Therefore, O
Lord,

Prayers and

Lord, give me a feeling
Conscience, vouchsafe me
thy Grace to apprehend a
perfect turning from sin;
and grant unto me, I hum-
bly beseech thee, a thorow
changed and truly mortifi-
ed heart, which cannot but
work in me an unfeigned
love of Righteousness, and
a full purpose and endea-
vour to serve thee my good
God and most loving Fa-
ther, with a sincere & true-
hearted Affection: And
guide me, O Lord, to, fly
unto thee daily by Prayer,
for forgiveness of my sins;
for Grace to reform my
ways, and for true Faith to
take fast hold of mercy in
Christ,

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Christ, which is the ready way to be made righteous before thee. And because (dear God) I may speedily still tread in that narrow path which is hardly found and not easily kept (thro' Satans malice, the Worlds enticements, & mine own in-born Corruption,) Let thy working grace never be wanting in me, by which I may be taught and confirmed, neither to prize of Works too high (with the Papists) nor too low (with Libertines) but to learn this for truth against both, that neither with the one must I presume to challenge Merit by my Works, nor
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Prayers and

with the other must I dare
to take liberty to live as I
list: It is manifest and plain
O LORD, that Papists de-
pend more upon Phari-
saical working, than upon
Christian believing; and
it is true, that the loose
Libertine careth little, ei-
ther for Faith or Fruits:
And both these are flat
Enemies against the Cross
of thy dear Son, our a-
lone Saviour Christ Jesus:
The one taking upon him
to add a supply of merit
by works, to that which is
unto a man a free Gift from
thee by Grace, and a Sacri-
fice all-sufficient to satisfie
thee, and ransom us: The
others

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others cry out daily, in their most filthy and corrupt Conversation, *Let us sin, that Grace may abound;* & so indeed, turn the Grace of thee our good God into wantonness. Far be it from me, dear Father, to be insnared by either of these. And yet an healthful Body, a full Purse, Glory & worldly Reputation, or any Prosperity, thou knowest, are dangerous Engines to intangle an unregenerate Man; especially when a sincere Profession, when a holy Practise are of the least esteem among Men that are in fulness of Prosperity: And therefore my
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Prayers and

most gracious God) I humbly and heartily thank thy holy Majesty, in that it hath pleased thee to abridge my wealth, to abate my fulness, and to darken my transitory reputation; for though to the outward man they seem bitter and unsavory, yet to the inner man they bring the sweet and pleasant tast of Repentance not to be repented of, which is always followed with sweet fruit of amendment. And I most humbly beseech thy fatherly goodness, that as it hath pleased thee to strike at the door of my heart by these outward crosses, through the power

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power of thy blessed Spirit, and thereby to awake me out. of that deep sleep of sin and security whereinto I was faln, so as I was deprived (for the same) of all spiritual sense and feeling of Heaven and heavenly things, thro' the multitude of devouring Monsters, as lust, Covetousness, Pride, Vain-glory, Hypocrisie, and a thousand of like nature, which were Syrene Deceivers, haunting me in the days of my Prosperity, and seeking utterly to spoil me of spiritual Life, and to pursue me to eternal Death, hadst not thou of thine infinite goodness

Prayers and

ness discover'd their flights
altered their course, and
given ability to resist the
temptation, against whose
strength, without thine
arm of defence, I cannot
possibly prevail. There-
fore, gracious God, conti-
nue to watch over me, and
look upon me still, and be-
hold me in my woful and
wretched estate; give me
wisdom from above to
fore see all dangers that
may befall unto me, a true
constant Faith to resist the
fury, and all fulness of spi-
ritual strength; that I may
hold out the Combate, and
overcome; for I long much,
O Lord, to be even estrap-
ged

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ged and free from those
snares and evils with which
I have been too much ac-
quainted, and to be a fami-
liar Companion to those
that fear thee, and to em-
brace and follow all holy
Duties which thou lookest
for, and requirest at the
hands of thy Servants, that
I may spend the rest of my
life to come, to please thee
and praise thee. Assist me,
dear Father, in this my de-
sire, give me thy continual
aid and assistance from a-
bove, to furnish and fortifie
me and my weakness; and
as by thy Grace thou hast
made me in some mea-
sure willing, so I humbly
be-

Prayers and

befeech thee to make me
full measure able to find,
follow, and hold the way
that thou hast set before
thy Chosen to walk in.
And to this end, dear God,
let my carnal and corrupt
heart be by thy Spirit clean-
sed, my flinty and stony
heart, by the dew of thy
Grace, softened, and my
ambitious and proud heart
by both thoroughly hum-
bled, that it being wholly
changed by thee & brought
into a Spiritual Temper,
and so made the Treasure-
house of good things, it
may send forth the sweet
Fruits of Holiness, to thy
Glory, the good example
of

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of others, and mine own
endless Comfort in Christ
Jesus. This being wrought
in me, O Lord, of thy mere
mercy and goodnes, keep
me still in thy way, I most
humbly beseech thee, that
my desire may be augmen-
ted daily to do thy Will;
and my ability also may
increase daily to fulfil this
desire; then let sorrows and
afflictions both in manner
and measure follow me,
and possess me so long as
thy self wilt, which are in-
deed most plain and profit-
able Teachers to inform
me how vile my self am,
how vain this wretched
and wicked World is, and
that

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that the greatest Glory,
and most pleasing Delights
thereof, are mere vanity
and vexation of Spirit.
What availeth it, O Lord,
to be in health of Body, if
a Man have a sick Soul in
him? What profit can
there be to flow in worldly
Wealth; and to want the
treasure of the Soul, which
is the Preaching of the
Word, and the Holy Spirit
of Promise to sanctifie both?
And what is all the Glory
and Reputation in the
world, if a Man want Grace
to seek after the everlast-
ing Glory of the World to
come? Blessed Father,
give me a sound & health-

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Meditations.

ful Soul, and let the Body
stand loaded with what
sickness it shall please thee:
Make me to abound in the
Heavenly Treasures, and
however Earthly Trea-
sures fail me, let me be
heartily well content
therein. Lead me along
to seek after the Glory that
is Eternal, and let the fa-
ding Glory of this faithless
World light where it will,
rest with whom it will, and
leave them, and whom it
will. For he that hath all
these without thy Grace
(O God) hath but so ma-
ny burthens to hold him
down from rising up with
Christ, that he may seek
these

Prayers and

those things which are above, and he that hath the Grace of God, though he want all these, hath sufficient. I confess (dear Father) that if thou shouldst leave me to my self, and give me over to follow the sway of my sinful heart, I should be as deeply plunged in wickedness as the worst, and become dangerous^{ly} defiled with those vile and loathsome Sins where with many in the World stand miserably tainted: For naturally (unless thy Grace restrain I am most prone and ready to give allowance and consent to all evil, but the im-

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moderate hearts of youth,
for the most part hinder the
feeling of this, and careless
age doth many times think
of it too late: So that, in
youth man is ready to flatter
himself with hope of
many days, and therefore
thinketh himself to have
time enough to turn from
wickedness; and Age is
ready to defer from day to
day, and make small hast
to amendment. But thy
Word, O LORD, teach-
eth Youth to look to it self
in time, both by threatening
and admonition; by threat-
ning, O young man (saith
Solomon, rejoyce in thy youth
and let thy heart cheer thee
in

Prayers and

in the days of thy youth, and
walk in the ways of thy heart,
and in the sight of thine eyes.
But what followeth? Surely
youth must know, that
for all these the most just
and mighty God will bring
him to Judgment: By ad-
monishing in these words,
*Remember thy maker in the
days of thy youth, whilst the
evil days come not, nor the
years approach wherein thou
shalt say, I have no pleasure
in them.* And as a means to
bridle and restrain them,
this rule is set, *That a young
man must redress his ways by
taking heed thereto accor-
ding to thy word.* And as an
encouragement to rouse up

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old Age to walk religiously, it is said by the same Solomon, *Age is a Crown of glory, when it is found in the way of Righteousness.* So that if it be found in the ways of wickedness, it is the most hateful spectacle of filthy shame, and more to be loathed and abhorred than the stains of iniquity in hot and unbridled youth. And both young & old are taught by thee to know, that he that doth unrighteousness is not of thee, and he that is born of thee, sinneth not. Therefore, *Teach me (O Lord) to number my days, that I may incline my self to Wisdom.*

Prayers and

That wisdom which teacheth us to know thee, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent: That wisdom which telleth us that we were once Darkness, but are now Light in the Lord, and commandeth us to walk as Children of Light: That wisdom which biddeth us to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of Darkness, but to reprove them rather: That wisdom which enjoyneth us to cast off (concerning the conversation in times past) the old Man, which is corrupt through the deceivable Lusts, and to put on the new

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new Man, which, after
thee, O God, is created in
Righteousness and true
Holiness. Finally, that
wisdom which warneth
us to walk circumspectly,
not as Fools, but as Wise,
redeeming the time, for
the days are evil. Fur-
nish me, dear Father, dai-
ly more and more, with
some good portion of this
wisdom, which may be
a Lanthorn to my Feet,
and a Light to my Steps,
to lead me in the way of
Righteousness, & to learn
me to use this World
as though I used it not,
to fly Lust, to repent me
of Sin, that this old Man,

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of sin, which I carry about
me, may be crucified with
Christ my Saviour; that
the body of sin may be de-
stroyed, and henceforth I
may no longer serve sin,
lest when the Night is
come of my evil passed
Day, and Death shall ap-
proach to demand his due,
I then look about me too
late, and be taken napping
as the foolish Virgins were;
when as neither Tears,
nor Sighs, nor Cries will
then be heard, but that
the just Sentence of Con-
demnation will be given
& cannot be revoked. De-
liver me, most gracious Fa-
ther, from this peril, and
direct

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direct me by thy Grace, to
be ever mindful of thine
afflicting Hand, that my
Soul may be humbled be-
fore thee, and reap this
comfort from the conside-
ration of mine own wic-
kedness, that it is thy un-
speakable mercy that I am
not utterly consumed. But
thou art my portion, and
I will still hope in thee, for
thou art always good to
them that trust in thee, or
to the Soul that seeketh
thee. Blessed God, let me
evermore trust in thee, and
let my Soul continually
seek after thee, & willing-
ly and joyfully wait for thy
Salvation, and when it shall

Prayers and

please thee to think it fit
I humbly beseech thee
shorten these days of sin,
and speed the delivery of
this my wretched Soul out
of the loathsome Prison of
this my sinful Body, that
with the rest of thy Saints,
it may take possession of
thy heavenly Inheritance
purchased for me and all
the chosen *Israel* of God, by
the death and blood shed-
ding of the immaculate &
unspotted Lamb, Christ
Jesus. To whom, with thee,
O Father, and the Holy
Ghost, be all Praise, Power,
Majesty and Dominion,
both now and evermore.

Amen.

Meditations.



A Prayer for the acknowledging of God's Goodness and Mercy unto us.

64 **A** Lmighty Saviour,
how gracious hast
thou been to poor affli-
cted Souls? To promise
them, that whosoever ask-
eth shall receive, who-
ever seeketh shall find, and
whosoever knocketh, it
shall be opened unto him.
Doubtless, thou takest a
pleasure in giving, in ac-
cepting, and in opening
the gates of mercy. Behold
then! I do not only ac-
L 5 know.

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knowledge this goodness
to all Mankind, but thy
particular Mercy to my
self: And whereas I find
the want even of good de-
sires, I beseech thee supply
me with thy infused Grace,
for I seek my lost self, and
I seek thee whom I have
lost: I find thee in midst of
manifold Compassions; I
find my self in the snares
of Temptations and Mis-
eries: I find thee in the
Treasure-house of thy Pro-
mises; I find my self in the
Dungeon and Prison-house
of my iniquity: I find thee
in the Sanctuary of Hea-
ven; I find my self in the
depths of Hell. Behold
then,

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then, I crave both to seek
my self and thee; my self,
as having committed ma-
ny grievous sins, for which
I would fain be directed
to the School of Repen-
tance; thee, as having suf-
fered for them, yea, been
brought unto death, and a
most grievous passion for
my sake: But seeing thou
hast in mercy, by thy Pro-
mise, made thy self a Deb-
ter unto us, give me leave
to challenge the perform-
ance, according to thy own
appointment. Thou hast
told us plainly, at what
time soever a sinner doth
repent him of his sins, thou
wilt blot out his iniquities
and

Prayers and

and put away his transgressions from thy remembrance. O Lord, I do repent, and am heartily sorry for offending so good a God; and whereas like a lame Cripple, I cannot follow thee to the Heavenly Harvest, whereby I am worthy to lose my Inheritance. I cannot come to the perfection of Repentance; I fly to thy Grace to supply my defects, and I beseech thee of thy bounty, by the rich treasure of thy mercies in Christ, to cast down a favourable countenance on me, and make me partaker of all thy Promises. Amen.

Meditations.



*A Prayer for God's protection
of his Church in respect
of the present troubles of it.*

65 **A** Lmighty God, thou
Lord of Hosts and
Governour of all things,
whose power no Creature
is able to resist, to whom it
belongeth justly to punish
sinners, and to be merciful
to them that truly repent;
work in us, and in all thy
People, unfeigned and ef-
fectual Repentance; that
what thou seest amiss in us,
and amongst us, or in any
parts of thy Church, may
speedi-

Prayers and

speedily and thoroughly be reformed, that which is righteous and good in thy sight, may be established and maintained, especially in this our Land, and other places, professing thy Truth and Gospel. And the mean time, while we strive after that which may be most agreeable to thy holy Will, as it is revealed in thy heavenly Word: Be merciful unto us, and bring us on rather as thou seest it needful, by the Rod of thy Fatherly Correction: Evermore also supporting us, as our most gracious Shepherd (whilst thy true though weak and poor Flock)

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be flock) by that Staff of
is Comfort. And thou Son
hy of David, that knowest the
ed merciless condition of Sa-
ly tan, and cruel men his
er cursed Instruments, we
th humbly beseech thee, ne-
ne ver to deliver us over in-
re to their power; but save
e and defend us, and all thy
y People evermore from
y thy hands of all our Ene-
- mies, both Bodily and
g Ghostly; and more par-
ticularly at this time, we
earnestly beseech thee, O
Heavenly Father, by the
mediation of that thy Son
Jesus our only Mediator,
to be merciful to those
that are gone out from us,
to

Prayers and

or joyn with us, or stand
out for the Truth or any
righteous Cause; and give
that issue to the present
troubles of thy Church, as
may make most for thy
Glory, the advancement of
thy Truth and Gospel, the
relief of all thy distressed
People, in all those parts
of thy troubled Church;
and for the establishing of
Truth & Peace in this our
Land; May it please thee
once to free all our Brethren
from the dominion of that
Mystery of Iniquity, as also
still to shield and secure us
and all other professing thy
Name & Truth, from that
cruel Faction, which as if
they

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they delighted in Blood,
have already spoiled so
many Nations : Lord thou
only art the Catholick
King, we can acknowledg
no King over all the Earth
but thy self, not any uni-
versal Head over all thy
Church, but that only
Archbishop of our Souls,
thy Son Jesus, our blessed
Saviour, to whom all pow-
er is given both in Heaven
and Earth. Arise then thou
Lord, to whom the King-
doms belong, and shew
thy self, and let not the
Man of the Earth any lon-
ger exalt himself, lest he be
too proud, and lest he as-
cribe to himself, or to his
gra-

Prayers and

graven Image, or vain Idols, the Conquest thou shalt see and fulfill over thy People. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to thy Name be the praise. For the honour of thy Name arise before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasse, before Great Britain, and other Countries that call upon thy Name: Arise and shew thy self for us, for on thee only do we call; we call on thee to save us and our forces, and thy People now in great danger. How, and in what manner, and at what time fully to declare thy salvation, we refer to thy heavenly

Wis-

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Wisdom; only in the mean
while that it may please
thee to sanctifie and save,
to preserve and provide for
them and us, and all things
both in Field, at Sea, and
City, protect, defend and
deliver them, us, and ours
at home and abroad. And
thou great Shepherd of
Israel, be pleased also to
take down more and more
the pride of the man of Sin,
that hath and would exalt
himself against thee. Af-
swage thou the malice of
those who are Enemies to
us, or to any of thy People,
and evermore confound all
their devices, that we being
arm'd with thy defence
may

Prayers and

may ever more and more
give praise to thee, who
art the only Author of our
Peace, and giver of all
blessings. And all this, good
Lord, for us, for them, for
all thine, not for our mer-
its, but for thy great mer-
cies sake, and for the truth
sake of thy gracious Pro-
mise in Jesus Christ our
Lord and only Advocate
and Redeemer; to whom
with thee, O Father, and
thy Holy Spirit, be all
Praise and Glory, now and
for evermore. Amen.

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A Godly Prayer.

66 **O** Merciful Father;
and Lord of Hea-
ven and Earth, we come
before thy presence to
worship thee, in calling
upon thy Name, and in
giving thanks unto thee.
And tho' our duties and
our very necessity call us
hereunto; yet we confess
our Hearts be so dull and
untoward, that unless thou
be merciful unto us, to
teach us how to pray, we
shall not please thee, nor
profit our selves in these
Duties; we therefore most
humbly beseech thee to
assist

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raise up our hearts with
thy good spirit, and so
dispose us to Prayer, that
with true fervency of
heart, feeling of our want,
humbleness of Mind, and
Faith in thy gracious Pro-
mises, we may present our
Suits acceptably to thee,
by our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. And thou,
O Father of all Mercies,
that hast called us unto
thee, hear us, and pity thy
poor Servants; we have
indeed sinned wonder-
fully against thee, through
blindness of Mind, profane-
ness of Spirit, hardness of
Heart, Self-love, Worldli-
ness, carnal Lust, Hypocri-

se,

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ie, pride, vanity, unthank-
fulness, infidelity, and
other our native corrupti-
ons, which being bred in us
& with us, have defiled us
even from the Womb, and
unto this day have broken
out, as Plague-Sores, into
innumerable Transgressi-
ons of thy holy Laws; the
good ways whereof we
have too carelessly, if not
willingly declined from,
and have many times dis-
pleased thee, and offended
our own Consciences, in
choosing and following
those things which thou
hast most justly & severely
forbidden us; and besides
all this, we have too long
stood

Prayers and

stood against the gracious
means of our Conversion
or at least not stooped and
humbled our selves before
thee, as we ought; although
we have wanted none of
those helps; which thou
vouchsafest unto thy wa-
ndring Children, to fetch
them home withal; for we
have had (together with
thy glorious works) thy
word calling upon us with-
out, and thy good Spirit
within; and have been
solicited by Promises, by
Threatnings, by Blessings,
by Chastising, and by Ex-
amples of all sorts, and es-
pecially by those wonder-
ful deliverances of our
selves

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lives above any other of
thy Servants, and of our
LAND above any Nation
in the World, and yet our
corrupted spirits cannot
become wise before thee,
to humble themselves, and
rightly to acknowledge
thy goodness; we will not
take heed as we ought;
and as thou most justly
dost require, and mayest
expect of us. Wherefore
(O LORD GOD) we do
acknowledg thy patience
to have been infinite and
incorruptible, in that thou
hast been able to hold thy
hands from revenging thy
self on us thus long: and
yet pleasest to hold open
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Prayer

the door of Grace, that
we might come in unto
thee and be saved. O
now, O blessed Lord God
we are desirous to come
unto thee, how wretched
soever in our selves, yet
our very Wretchedness
sends us unto thee, unto
Thee with whom the Father-
less, and he that hath
no Helper, the Sinner alone
and he that hath no more
finds Mercy and Grace.
But we come to thee in the
Son's Name not daring
to come in our own, but in
Name that came for us, that
came to thee, in his medi-
ation whom thou hast sent
in him (O Father) whom

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Whom thou hast professed
thy self to be well-pleased,
to come unto thee; and do
humbly beseech thee
to pity us, & to save us for
thy mercy sake in him. O
L O R D our G O D, our
hearts have not out-bidden
the blood of thy holy Son,
which speaks for our Par-
don; nor can any be so
infinite as thou art in thy
Mercies. And our hearts (O
God thou seest) are desirous
to have peace with thee;
and war with our Lusts, &
wish that they could melt
before thee, and be dissol-
ved into Godly mourning
for all that filth that
hath gone through them;

Prayer's end

and defiled them: And our
desires are now to serve &
please thee, and our pro-
poses to endeavor it more
faithfully. We pray thee
therefore, for the Lord Je-
sus sake, to seal up in our
Consciencs thy gracious
pardon for all our sin-
ners past, and give us to feel the
consolation of thy Grace
shed abroad in our hearts
for our eternal Comfort
& Salvation. And that we
may know this persuasion
to be of thy Spirit, and not
of carnal presumption
(Blessed God) let those
Graces of thy Spirit, which
do accompany Salvation,
be poured out more plen-
tifully.

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fully upon us: Increase in
all Godly knowledge,
Faith, Patience, Tempe-
rance, Meekness, Wisdom,
Godliness, love of thy Word
with Saints, and Servants,
zeal for thy Glory: Give
us Judgment to discern the
difference of good and ill,
and also of things present
which are temporary, and
things to come which are
Eternal.

Make us yet at the last
wise hearted to lay up
our Treasure in Heaven;
and to set our affections
more upon things which
are above, where Christ
sits at thy right hand. And
let all the vain and transi-

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gory inticements of the
poor Life appear unto us
as they are, that our hearts
may be no more intangled
& bewitched with the lusts
of them, O Lord God our
GOD, who hast dearly
bought us to thy own self,
give us so honest hearts as
may be glad to yield thee
possession in thine own, &
be thou so gracious as yet
to make them up, though
we have desperately held
thee out of them in times
past, & be pleased to dwell
in us, and in our Land, and
reign in us, & among us by
thy holy Word, & power-
ful Spirit, that we may be
sure to reign with thee in
thy

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thy glorious Kingdom, according to thy Promise in thy Word, thro' him that hath purchased that Inheritance for all that trust in him; and seeing thou dost so promise these graces and mercies to us, as that thou requirest our industry and diligence in the use of such means as serve thereunto, good Lord: Let us not so cross our Prayer for Grace, as not to seek that by diligence, which we make shew to seek by Prayer, lest our own ways condemn us of Hypocrisie. Stir us up therefore (O Lord) to the frequent use of Prayer, to the often and

Prayers and

serious reading, hearing
and meditating of thy holy
Word; teach us to profit
by the conversation of thy
People, & to be profitable
in our own. Make us wise
to apprehend all oppor-
tunities of doing or re-
ceiving Spiritual Good.
Strengthen us with Grace
to observe our Hearts and
Ways, to retain them in
good order, or to reduce
them quickly. Let us ne-
ver think any Company so
good as thine, or any time
so well spent, as that which
is in thy Service, and in
beautifying of thine Image
in our selves or others.
Particularly, we pray thee
open

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open our Eyes to see our
own natural Infirmities,
and to discover the Ad-
vantages which Satan gets
thereby. And give us
care to strive most when
we are most assaulted, and
endamaged. And thou, O
God, that hast promised to
bless thy own Ordinances,
bless all things unto us,
that we may thereby grow
in Grace, and in Know-
ledge, Faith, Love, and all
heavenly Vertues, and so
may shine as Lights in this
dark World, giving good
example to all men, & may
at the end of our Race rest
and lie down in the peace
of a good Conscience em-

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Prayers and

hallowed with a good report,
It may leave thy blessings
entailed unto ours after us
for an Inheritance. These,
O Father, are our special
Suits, wherein we beseech
thee to set forth the won-
derful riches of thy Graces
towards us for Christ Jesus
sake, and as for this Life,
and the things thereof, we
crave them of thee, so far as
may be for our good, and
thy Glory, beseeching thee
to provide for us, as unto
this day, in mercy. And
when thou wilt humble or
exalt us, govern us so long
and so far in all Conditions
and Changes, as we may
cleave fast unto thee our
God,

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God, unchangeable, rejoicing in thee and thy unchangeable love, above all things, esteeming thee our portion and sufficient Inheritance for evermore.

Now what Grace we crave for our selves (which are here before thy Presence) we humbly beg for all those that any way belong unto us, and that by duty or promise we owe our prayers unto, beseeching thee to be as gracious unto them, as to our own Souls, & especially to such of them as in respect of any present Affliction or Temptation, may be in special need of some more speedy help

Prayer and

help and comfort from
thy mighty Hand. Yes,
our Lord God, we hum-
bly desire thee to bless
with our Prayers thy
whole Church; but more
especially this Nation, and
therein the King's most
Excellent Majesty, our
Sovereign Lord; (King
WILLIAM;) also all that
be in Authority among us,
beseeching thee to follow
him and all of them, with
those Blessings of thy Pro-
tection & Direction which
may preserve them safe
from the malice of the
World, & of Satan. & may
make them in their great
places faithful to thee, for
the

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the Good of thy Church and People, and their own eternal happiness and honour, Lord look mercifully on those in the Church, that are under the Cross. And we beseech thee to furnish all Churches, especially in this LAND, with faithful and fruitful Ministers, and to bless their lives and labours for those merciful ends and rules to which thou hast ordained them. Sanctifie thy People, O God, and let them not deceive themselves with formality of Religion instead of the Power thereof; give them Grace to profit both by thy Favours,

Prayers and

vours, and by those Chastisements which thou hast sent, either in particular, or in general, successively, or mixed among them, or upon them. And Lord, suppress that rage of sin and prophaneſs in all Christian States, which breeds so much Apostacy and Deſection, threatening the taking away of this Light from them. Confound, O God, all the counſels and practices of Satan and his Miniſters, which are, or ſhall be taken up againſt thee and thy Kingdom of thy dear Son. Call in the diſperſed *Jews*, and make up the fulneſs of the *Gentiles*,

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that thy Name may
be glorious in all the world,
the days of iniquity may
come to an end, and we,
with all thine Elect People,
may come to see thy Face
in Glory, and be filled
with the Light thereof for
evermore.

Grant these our humble
Petitions, good Father, for
Christ Jesus thy dear Son, our
blessed Saviour's sake: To
whom, with thee, and thy
holy Spirit, be all glory and
praise now and for ever, A-
men.

Prayers and

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*A Prayer to be used upon the
30th. of January, being
the day of the Martyrdom
of King Charles the First.*

67 **O** Most mighty God,
terrible in thy
Judgments, and wonderful
in thy doings towards the
Children of Men, who in
thy heavy displeasure didst
suffer the Life of our late
gracious Sovereign to be
this day taken away by
wicked hands; we, thy un-
worthy Servants, humbly
confess, that the Sins of this
Nation have been the cause
which hath brought this
heavy

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heavy Judgment upon us.
But, O gracious God, when
thou makest inquisition for
Blood, lay not the guilt of
this innocent Blood (the
shedding whereof nothing
but the Blood of thy Son
can expiate) lay it not to
the charge of the People of
this Land, nor let it ever be
required of us, or our poste-
rity. Be merciful, be merci-
ful unto thy People, whom
thou hast redeemed, and
be not angry with us for-
ever; but pardon us for
thy mercies sake, through
the merits of thy Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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26 Prayer to be said upon the
29th. of May, being the
day of his Majesty's birth,
and happy return to his
Kingdoms.

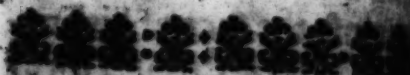
68 **O** God, who by thy
Divine Providence
and goodness didst this
day first bring into the
World, and didst this day
also bring back and restore
to us, and to his own just
and undoubted Rights, our
most gracious Sovereign
Lord, thy Servant King
Charles, Preserve his Life,
and Establish his Throne
we beseech thee. Be unto
him

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him a helmet of Salvation
against the face of his ene-
my, and a strong Tower
of defence in the time of
Trouble. Let his Reign be
prosperous, and his days
many. Let Justice, Truth,
and Holiness; let Peace,
and Love, and all Christi-
an Vertues flourish in his
time. Let his People serve
him with honour and obe-
dience; and let him so
only serve thee on Earth,
that he may hereafter e-
verlastingly Reign with
thee in Heaven; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. A-

men.

Prayers and



*A devout Prayer against the
Plague, in the time of
Common Visitation.*

69 **A** Lmighty God, our
Heavenly Father,
whose Judgments are most
severe and terrible against
obstinate Offenders; but
thy mercies infinite to all
that with hearty Repen-
tance and true Faith turn
unto thee: We, the sinful
people of this Land, whom
for our Iniquities, and ma-
nifold Transgressions, thou
hast in many places most
justly visited with the noy-
some

Meditations.

some Plague & Pestilence;
come now before the
throne of thy Grace in the
Name of thy dear Son; in
whom thou art well plea-
sed: And in confidence of
that Atonement which he
hath made for us, most
humbly beseech thee to
pardon and forgive us all
our sins in thought, word,
or deed, committed against
thy Divine Majesty; to
work in us daily more and
more, a true, hearty, and
unfeigned Sorrow, and Re-
pentance for the same; to
plant in our hearts a sin-
cere and settled Resolution
by the assistance of thy
Grace, to lead the rest of
our

Prayers and

our Lives in careful Ob-
dience to thy holy Will
all things, and so to re-
move from us this Plague
and grievous Sickness, that
we be not utterly consumed
by means of thy heavy
hand; To this end, grant us
good Lord, of thy Grace
and Mercy, all things con-
ducing hereunto; season-
able Weather, and good
Air, and wholsom Food,
and powerful Medicines,
and whatever else thou
seest to be good and profit-
able for us; together with
a due Care and Confi-
dence in using of the same,
that we neither presume,
nor tempt thy Majesty
by

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by neglecting the means
which thou hast appointed,
nor yet despair of thy bless-
ings in the diligent use of
them, nor in any event
repine or murmur at thy
Providence, what portion
soever it allots us, but that
submitting our selves to
thy good pleasure in all
things, we may commit the
keeping of our Souls to
thee in well-doing, as unto
a faithful Creator, with
compassionate pity; and
Charity (as we are told)
succouring the sick, and
preserving the whole; and
praying fervently for all;
and finally, that depending
entirely upon thy good-
ness;

Prayer and

ness, we may wait the hour
of thy gracious Deliv-
rance in faith, and hope,
constant patience, and
perfect resignation to thy
wise and just appointments
in all things, to the which
we betake ourselves, & the
whole Nation, and what-
soever concerns us. Be
merciful unto us, O God,
be merciful unto us, for
our Soul trust only in thee,
and under the shadow of
thy Wings shall be our Re-
fuge, till this Calamity be
overpast; which we be-
seech thee speedily to re-
move, if it be thy Will.
O Lord God of Mercies
and Father of Compassi-
ons,

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One, I beseech thee, let the
voice of Joy and Health
once more into our dwell-
ings, for the alone Merits
sake of thy dear Son Jesus
Christ, our only Mediator
and Advocate. *Amen.*

*A special Remedy for a sick
Soul, whereby the Sinner
may recover himself from
the valley of Tears to the
hill of Joy: Or, a Medi-
tation for the Plague.*

70 **F**irst, Fast and Pray,
& then take a quart
of Repentance of Awe,
and put in two handfuls
of Faith in the Blood of
N Christ,

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Christ, with as much hope
and charity as you can get,
and put it into a Vessel of
a clean Conscience; then
boyl it on the fire of Love
so long, till you see, by the
Eyes of Faith, the black
Foam of the love of the
World to stick in your sto-
mach; then scum it off
clean with the Spoon of
faithful Prayer. When this
is done, put in the Powder
of Patience, and take the
Cloth of Christ's Innocen-
cy, and strain all together
in his Cup; then drink
burning hot next to the
heart, and cover the wound
with as many cloaths of
mendment of Life, as God
shall

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shall strengthen and enable thee to bear, that thou mayest sweat out all The Porson of Covetousness, Pride, Whordom, Idolatry, Drury, Swearing, Lying, with such like. And when thou feelst thy self alter'd from the forenamed Vices, take the Powder of Saywell, and put upon thy Tongue, but drink thrice as much Do well daily. Then take the Oyl of Good-works and anoint therewith the Eyes, Ears, Hearts, & Hands, that they may be ready and nimble to minister to the poor members of Christ. When this is done, then in Gods

N 2 Name

Prayers and

Name arise from sin wil-
lingly, read the Bible daily,
take up the Crofs of Chri-
bodily, and stand to it man-
fully, bear all Vifitations
patiently, Pray continu-
ly, rest thankfully, and
thou shalt live everlasting-
ly, and come to the Hills of
Joy quickly. To which
place hasten us, good Lord,
speedily.

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*The Prayer of King Edward
the Sixth.*

71 **L**ORD God, deliver
me out of this misfe-
rable and wretched life, &
take me among thy chosen;
howbeit, not my will, but
thy Will be done. Lord I
commit my Spirit to thee:
O Lord, thou knowest how
happy it were for me to be
with thee; yet for thy cho-
sen's sake send me Life and
Health, that I may truly
serve thee, O my Lord
God, bless thy People,
and save thine Inheritance.

! Prayers and

O Lord God, save thy
chosen People of England.
O my Lord God, defend
this Realm from Papistry,
and maintain thy true Re-
ligion, that I and my Peo-
ple may Praise thy Holy
Name. *Amen.*



*A Prayer to be used upon the
2d. 3d. and 4th. of Sep-
tember, being the days
that the greatest part of the
City of London was con-
sumed by Fire.*

72 **L**ook down, O Lord,
in the bowels of thy
mercy, upon the sorrows
and

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and distressed of thy Ser-
vants, who in the deepest
sense of thy amazing Judg-
ments, and our own mani-
fold provocations, lie pro-
strate in the dust before
thee.

To thee, O God, holy
and true, belong mercy and
forgiveness; but unto us
confusion of face, as it is
this day: For we are that
incorrigible Nation who
have resisted thy Judg-
ments, & abused thy Mer-
cies, we have despised the
Chastisements of the Lord,
and turned his Grace into
wantonness.

What shall we then say
unto thee, O thou Pre-
server

Prayers and

server of men? Thou hast found out the iniquity of thy Servants, and discovered our nakedness & pollution, in a vengeance suited and answerable to our grievous crying sins. Our pride, oppression, and fulness of Bread, hath made us like to Sodom, and thou hast afflicted us as *Gomer-rab*. We should not be reclaimed by thy exemplary Punishments upon others, or our selves, and thou hast made us a terror and astonishment to all that are round about us.

And now, O Lord, thou art most just in all that is come upon us; for thou
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hast

Meditation.

hast done right, but we
have done very wickedly,
yet behold we are all thy
People, though an un-
thankful and rebellious
People; suffer us there-
fore to implore thy pity,
and the sounding of thy
bowels, and for thy Name
sake, for thy mercies sake,
for Christ Jesus sake, en-
cline thine Ear to us, and
save us.

Above all, we beseech
thee, abandon us not to our
selves, but by what method
soever it shall please thee
to reduce us, though to
this bitter Cup of trem-
bling thou shalt add more
and more grievous afflicti-

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A Discovery of our wonderful Deliverance from
the Fifth of Nov

The manner of finding out this horrible Treason (by
sense of a Letter, which (for memory to Posterity) is

MY Lord, out of the Love I bear to some of your
I would advise you as you tender your life, to devise
For God and Man have conspired to punish the wicked
tishment, but retire your self into your Country, where
there be no appearance of any thing yet I say, they shall re
shall not see who hurt them: This counsel is not to be con
no harm, for the danger is past is soon as you have burnt
to make good use of it, to whose holy protection I comend

The Traytors Names.	{	Edward Digby, Knight	{	Robert Win
		Robert Catesby, Esquire		Thomas Pe
		Ambrose Rownd, Esq;		Thomas Wi
		Francis Tresham, Esq;		John Wright
Barrels of Powder, 36.		Faggots to		

from the bells and horrible Peale of Treason,
11th of November, 1905.

Treason (by the great goodness of God) was by the mystical
infirmary) is here inserted as it was sent to the Lord Admirall.

For your Friends, I have a care of your preservation: therefore
I devise some excuse to shift off your attendance at this place,
the wickedness of this time: and think you might of this adver-
sity, where you may expect the worst with safety; for though
they shall receive a terrible blow this Parliament, and yet they
shall not be contained, because it may do you good, and can do you
harm, burnt the Letter; and I hope God will give you the grace
to commend you.

Robert Winter, Esq. Christopher Wright, Gent.
Thomas Percy, Gent. John Grant, Gent.
Thomas Winter, Gent. Robert Keys, Gent.
John Wright, Gent. Guy Faulx and others, Catechists Men:
Faggots to cover them, 500. The Billies, 1900.



Thankful
MEMORANDUM
OF
God's Wonderful
DELIVERANCE
Of this
LAND

Psalms 72, 124
Blessed be the Lord God,
the God of Israel, who
only doth wonderful things.

Psalms 91, 124
O Lord open mine eyes
and my mouth to praise
thy Praise.

Printed for C. Brown.

THANKS
MEMORIALS
OF
God's goodness
DELIVERANCE
OF THE
LAND

Psalm 72, 18
Blessed be the Lord God
the God of Israel, whose
right hand hath wrought
wonders for us
Psalm 72, 18
O Lord upon whom we rely
and thy name shall be
praised forever.

Printed for J. Smith

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REMEMBRANCE

that hath beene
your good I pray
that you will
God's Word

DELIVERANCE

from all
of this world

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that hath beene
your good I pray
that you will
God's Word

O Lord God the
great Deliverer
and Defender of
those which always seek
your

Thanksgiving

and in thy mercy we
humbly beseech thee, this
our poor & but hearty
Thanksgiving, for thy gra-
cious Providence over us,
and our wonderful deli-
verances. We acknow-
ledge if thou hadst dealt in
Justice according to our
iniquities and grievous provo-
cations, thou mightest have
cut off Branch and Root
before day, blown up King
and Kingdom at one clap.
Nay, if, notwithstanding
our presumptions against
thee, thy wonderful pro-
tection had not been over
us, there had not been left
us a being. For our En-
mities had undermined us,
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they had digged in the
deep, as if they would have
made a Covenant with
Hell and the Pit for but
utter destruction. They
had made wrong Com-
munion, and though their
Council was against the
Lord and his Anointed,
yet had they bound the
assurance and sincerity of it
with the Sacrament of the
Lord, so their confessions
were hid and covered
in darkness and it was
not till Man's finding
out. But thine eyes, O Lord,
didst see their Villany
and thine ears did hear the
Cry, not of us, who knew
nothing, but of our circum-
stances,

Thankful

miracles, which thou hadst
wrought on ; for thou brokest
the bounds of the Ungodly,
and didst frustrate the
Counsel of thine Enemies,
and didst enough to make
them see that there is no
counsel against thee, or the
People which fear thee,
and call upon thy Name.
Thou deliveredst even us
our King, our Queen, our
Prince our Nobles, and
our whole State, of all
degrees to be assembled in
Parliament at that hour,
from the power of dark-
ness, and from the Fiery
Furnace, which was pre-
pared for us not to make
brick, but either Brick or
nothing

Remembrances.

nothing of us. How did we
then see, what we have
then heard out of thy holy
Word? That before they
cry, thou wilt hear, and
while they yet speak, thou
wilt help. O how high art
thou to them that call on
thee, even to all such as
call on thee in truth!
Surely thou wilt hear their
cry, and wilt help them.
Lord what is man that thou
art mindful of him, or the
Son of man that thou so re-
gardest him? What is this
little part of the World,
that thou shouldst set
thine eyes of Providence
on it so as to make thy
self a Watchman for us

Thanks

that never sleepeeth, whose
whole care of us cannot
be either corrupted by the
wicked and wealthy Men
of the Earth, or frustrated
by the deep and crafty
Friends of Hell? What,
Lord, was the zeal of those
Saint-makers, that they
would have sent up
once such a company to
Heaven, in fiery Chariots?
No, no, the Lord was not
in the fire that set them
on work, nor would they
be in those fiery Works.
What a desolation and mi-
sery had fallen upon us,
thou hadst not been on
our side, when Men rose
up against us! They had
swal-

Remembrances.

swallowed us up quick,
when they were so wrath-
fully disappointed at us: Yet,
if then hadn't not been our
loss, not only the li-
ving had been swallowed
up, but the name of that
blow would even have
raised the dead, raised the
foundations of the Earth,
and rent in sundry those
everlasting Monuments:
our Laws & Statutes had
been turned to dust, our
whole Land into misery
and utter desolation, we
had (as we had too justly
deserved) been scarce left
as Sodom, we had been
made like unto Gomorrah,
Zim, and Oholas, had dwelt
in

Thankful

in our Houses, Superstition had regard in our Church, and Treason reigned in our Land; but it pleased thy controlling Wisdom so to bring about, that the Deceivers should be deceived, the Greedy devoured, and the same Pit which the Malefactors digged, themselves should fall into it. For by Powder they intended to blow it up, so did thou first amaze them with a blast, and by it were some of them sent to their long Home from their own Houses, while they were hatching this mischief for us, as they made

Remembrances.

made Wood a colour to
hide their malice under,
is some perished by the
tree.

The Instruments, as
powder, Wood, and Fire,
which they prepared for
our Destruction, by the
same means were they de-
stroyed. Now as thou hast
often made bare thy Holy
Arm, and we still find it
stretched out for our won-
derful deliverance, so do
thou make it a means,
good Lord, that all our
Neighbours, yea, that all
the World may see that
thou art our Saviour, and
with us learn to put their
trust in thee, and that their
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Thankful

destruction may be a warning to the rest of that pernicious brood, speedily to leave their damnable way lest they follow their destruction. But it is we that are escaped as a Bird out of the Snare of the Fowler, the Snare is broken and we are delivered. For which so gracious and wonderful deliverance of the Fifth of November, 1605, let us and our Posterity set us, with Bonfires, Trumpets, Shawms, and Psalms, laud and praise thy holy Name, on the Fifth of November yearly for ever: and let us not only keep one day yearly in our
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publick Congregations to
praise thy great and glo-
rious Name; but let us all,
which at least as yet live
by that preservation, be
never forgetful, privately
to acknowledge before
thee, and unto thee, that
thou art the Almighty, and
never-failing Saviour of all
that put their trust in thee,
and let those that come
after us, praise thee for
us, from Generation to
Generation, forever and
ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

*A Thanksgiving for our
deliverance from the Spanish
Invasion in 1588.*

74 **O** LORD our God,
how glorious and
excellent is thy Name:
Whole Strength and Pow-
er extends to the utmost
parts of the Earth,
and whole wonders are
wrought upon the Sea,
and Miracles upon the dry
Land; at whose anger the
Heavens fly, the Earth dis-
solves, and the Seas make
a noise: Who dost com-
mand the raging Tempest,
and

Remembrances.

and stillest the blustering
winds, making them the
instruments to fight a-
gainst thy Enemies, and to
be helpers of thy Servants;
who by the watery Ele-
ments shewd'st thy Power,
and declaredst thy strength
when we were beset with
fear, our Beacons burning,
our Soldiers marching,
our Counties mustering,
our Armies incamping,
our Ships preparing; when
we were even faint with
sorrow, and fear over-ran
the Land; when our Ene-
mies Gallies, Galliaffes,
and Ships came with full
sail for to assail us with
their murdering Pieces,
and

Thanksgiving

and more murdering
power for to destroy us
whole multitudes, they
brought their Whips
to scourge us, their Sails
to catch us out for slavery,
their invincible Navy be-
hatted us in: But when
they swelled in their
pride, and grew confident
in their arm of flesh,
when they had even
sight upon our Land, and
counted all their own,
then even when they
were in Expectation pre-
sently to take our Land
from us, and in assurance
of presumption to slay
our strong Men, and re-
ture our young Men, to
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of the 1588. of the *Ships* from the Spanish Armada,
 a description of their strength.

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<i>of Ordnance.</i>	40 <i>Servants.</i>	<i>Office of Justice.</i>
<i>Golden Calverins,</i>	16 <i>For the Cannon.</i>	108 <i>Churchmen.</i>
<i>of great Cannons.</i>	35 <i>For the Hospital.</i>	
and recommended <i>best Powers,</i> 32 <i>Ships of War,</i> 10 <i>flat</i>		
and 100 <i>Overs in a boat.</i> Also he had 100 <i>Boats in Newport.</i>		
and make <i>Bricks.</i>		
all sorts of <i>Ordnance and Munition,</i> with 4900 <i>Horse,</i>		
and 100 <i>Ensigns</i> 100, 10 <i>Wallguns,</i> 8 <i>Sons Burgundians,</i> 30		
and 100 <i>English Fugitives,</i> under <i>Stanly,</i> <i>Westmorland</i> and		
to his <i>Design.</i>		

Remembrance.

avish our Wives, and to
flour our Virgins, to
triumph over all, and to
tyrannize and glut them-
selves with our Blood,
when they thought all
their own, their Ships at
Anchor, their Navy being
grapled and conjoynd in
one for our utter destruc-
tion; Then, O Lord God
our Heavenly Father, it
pleased thee to look
down from thy glorious
Throne, on us miserable
Wretches, and to remem-
ber the glory of thy Name,
called on amongst us, and
therefore at that instant
to put such courage into
the heart of our ever re-

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howned Elizabeth, the
Kingly Queen, as in Per-
son to go forth to visit
her Royal Army, and to
encourage her Souldiers
which then attended the
Enemies approaches. And
then (O Lord) when we
could make our selves
strong only by Prayer to
thee, and cryed and called
for thy help and succour
then it pleased thee to
give Valour to our Cap-
tains, to give wit and un-
derstanding for good Pro-
jects and worthy Inven-
tions; yea to make the
Winds, the Fire, and the
Air, with the Waves and
Waters & all to be on our
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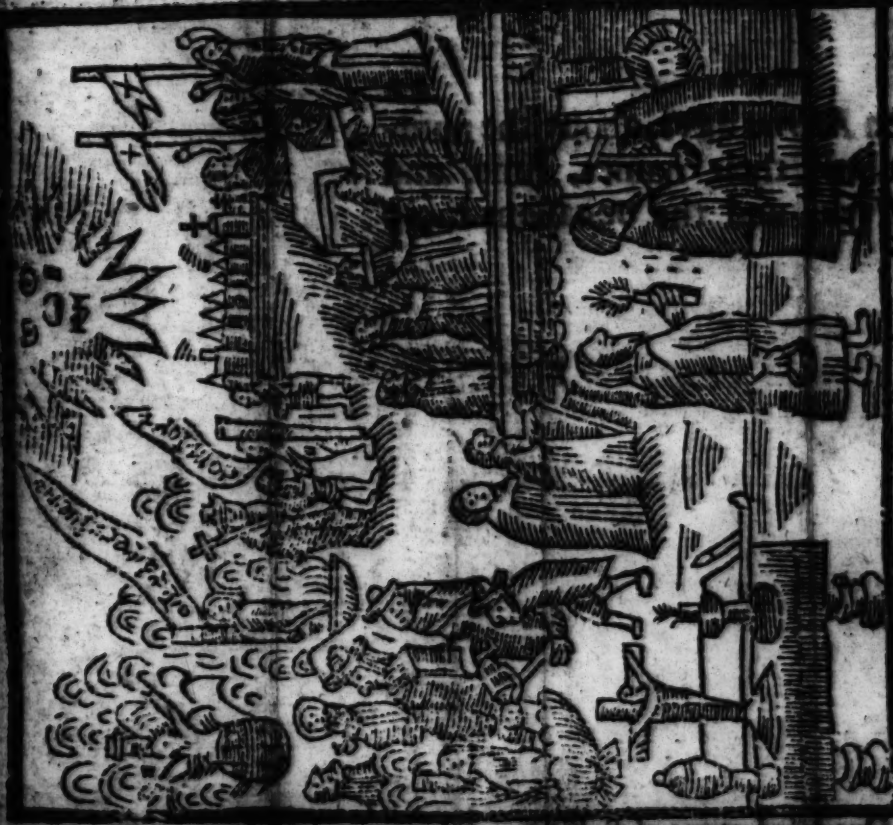
Remembrances.

ides, and to fight the Battle for us thy poor unworthy Servants, and then by thy gracious Providence thou didst put fear in our Enemies hearts; and the better to cause that we might know it to be thy doing, even at Midnight, when we could not see to fight, thou sentest a gale of Wind to carry Flame of Fire for us to get Victory upon the Water, against our Enemies: For the which most happy Victory desirous to shew our thankfulness to thee (O Lord of Hosts) as then we had our Enemies Banners displayed in the chiefest

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praising place of
God, & sung an Heave
Wellsaid of praise to
Glory of thy Name in
our publick Assemblies
every one for our own
particulars are ever bound
have in mind, how on
the seventh of Aug. 1656
thou wrought'st that great
deliverance of this Land
from that proud Navy
the cruel Spaniards, and
thou I praise thy glorious
Name from one Genera
tion to another, both now
and for ever. *Amen.*



Compendio de Populo. Surety of the People.

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The. Returne of the. 99. Fellows. Capt. 5.

There were Martyred in five years of Queen *Maries* da
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place of suffering, in the Book of the *Fiery Tryal*, and
at large, in the Book of *Martyrs*.

ere Martyred in five years of Queen *Maries* days, about the num-
ber 50. as you may see more particularly their names, time, and
suffering, in the *Book of the Fiery Tryal*, and the occasions more
in the *Book of Martyrs*.

Account of the *Book of the Fiery Tryal* and the two *Dracoff* years of *Pollards* 1535. and 1536.



A Thanksgiving for the deli-
verance of this Land from
Popish Superstition and
Tyranny.

77 **O** Lord God, we do
acknowledge that
we come late with our Sa-
crifices, so that we deserve
that thou shouldst have
no respect either to them
or us. For until we are
stricken with some fear of
more danger, we scarce
do in particular be-
think our selves, nor then as we
ought, for former delive-
rances: Fear of more Plots
makes us a little to remem-
ber the Powder Plot, and
noise of new and greater

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preparation to War and destruction, have forced us to recount that most savage Massacre of the People of this Land, intended by that *Spanish Armada*, and so are we desirous now to insinuate with thee, O Almighty God, for new favours, by striving more particularly, every man some way to remember and acknowledge thy former mercies: and yet there was a deliverance beyond these already mentioned, from the Tyranny of Popish Superstition and Idolatry, of which we have not yet thought, or at least not yet

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yet in this our special
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ed. For in the Year 1605.
had not the Lord been on
our side, when Men rose
up against us, they had
then swallowed us up
quick; when their wrath
was inflamed, and the Fire
almost kindled; yet that
Fire had not reached our
Bodies, and thou (O God)
couldst have delivered us
in that Fire as thou didst
the three Children, that
it should not so much as
have scorch'd our cloaths;
yea, thou didst so deliver
us; and more, when as the
Actors themselves were
licked up with the flames.

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of their own Fire: But
there was a Fire that struck
at our Souls, not only the
feigned burning Fire of
Purgatory, but the Fire
of Spiritual Whoredom
and *Romish* Idolatry, that
would even have reached
& over-reached our Souls,
the fury thereof would
have drunk up our Spirit,
yea, all the true pious Gra-
ces of thy good Spirit in
us. In his deliverance in
the year 1588, the Waves,
yea, the proud Waves, al-
though they threatened
horribly, yet could they
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were proud Waves, that
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gone over our Souls, yea,
those proud Waves of
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gone over our Souls. What
thanks can we render unto
thee (O God) that didst
not still give us over as a
prey into those Teeth
whereby Death and Hell
would have gnawn upon
us, and never consumed
us? Praised be thy Name,
O Lord, who didst then
save some of our fore-fa-
thers by plucking them as
brands out of that Fire, as
Lot out of Sodom, thou
didst save them from that
Spiritual

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Spiritual Deluge, as *Noah* and his *Sons* from the drowning of the whole *World*: Praised be thy *Name* for them. But what praise can we yield unto thee, O *Lord*, sufficient for our selves, to whom thou hast continued this *Rescue* now more than from one *Generation* to another, & still continuest it? Our best thanks, O *Lord*, are less than the least of thy other *Mercies* in delivering us from temporal dangers. Then loe hear a *Reason*, *Lord*, why we have been so long, and must be still as good as mute and still, in this great deliverance
from

Remembrances

from the eternal ruine of our Souls, because we can never sufficiently praise thee for those favours of Eternity, till we come to Eternity, there to praise thee for ever and ever: Yet in the mean time, O Lord, we desire to acknowledge the Glory of thy Grace: And we may be able to conceive and consider it.

The *Marian* days of Persecution were fierce and cruel; in them thou didst hide thy Face from thy Church in this Land: But it was but for a moment in comparison of the Mercy which followed in

Thankful

In the days of blessed *Elizabeth*, that great Instrument of thy Glory, and our good. The People did then "hide themselves in their Chambers, nay, in the Dens and Caves of the Earth, with the old Saints. But it was but for a very little time, in respect of the time, wherein thou hast enlarged us, and brought us forth into the precious Liberty of the Sons of God; when thou didst bring her from the Prison to the Palace, and not only as *Joseph*, to be a Prince in *Egypt*, but to be a Queen of thine own peculiar People, when thou didst
bring

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bring back her captivity
and ours, as the Rivers in
the South; then was this
our Church as in a dream,
and when we saw it was
truth, then were our
Mouths filled with laugh-
ter, and our Tongues with
joy. And though the *Michals* of *Saul's* House may
deride and scoff at those
devout Exultations, and
divine Raptures of thy Ser-
vants, yet let us with holy
David be content to be
more vile in their sight
while thou shalt please to
continue their burthen;
and that our Songs, which
we make to thee in our
own Land, and our Rejoy-
cings

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things in thee, may prove more burthenſome to them: And, good Lord, do not thou ever ſuffer our thankſulneſs to fall ſo low, as to make thee cut off thy loving-kindneſs in diſpleaſure, or our ſinfulneſs to grow ſo high as to damp the light of thy Goſpel amongſt us, or to cauſe thy hand to remove our Candleſtick, but make it firm, O Lord, by thy power, and enlarge the light thereof into all the Congregations of this Kingdom. Let it alſo break into their houſes that ſhut their doors, and into their hearts that ſhut their eyes againſt it. And for the better

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better promoting hereof,
as thou didst bless that Pa-
triarch of the Church, great
James, our late dread So-
vereign, as the Man of thy
right hand, and didst send
him among us to continue
the Light of thy Gospel,
from the days of that Fa-
mous *Elizabeth* till now;
so we beseech thee more-
over, to bless his Son our
gracious Sovereign of hap-
py being, that he may de-
fend us in the same until
his Death: Bless also the
Heir of his Crown, Prince
Charles, and at the last
commend it to those that
come after, in no less, but
rather greater lustre. Good
Lord

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Lord make this his only
Sonne as thy Son, and as thy
pleasant Child, that he may
take delight in thee, and in
the remembrance of thy
great and holy Name. Let
thy Name be to him as a
strong Tower, to which he
may always resort, O gra-
cious Lord God, do thou so
establish the King's Throne
& his Posterities in Truth
and Judgment, that they
may not only be constant
in the professing, but strong
in promoting of thy Truth
for defence of thy Faith,
and the maintenance of all
just and righteous Causes,
so shall thy Glory be great
in their Salvation, and
our

Remembrances.

our Salvation great by the
glory of thy Grace, which
by them thou shewest us.
And so shall we, and ours
after us, offer Sacrifices of
praise and thankfulness to
thy glorious Name, from
Generation to Generation.
for evermore. Amen.

Thankful

A Thanksgiving for the miraculous stay of the Plague, and our gracious preservation from it, 1625.

76 **O** Father of Mercy, and God of all Consolation, our only hope and succour, which art still (as ever) our help in times of need, our refuge at all times: Upon the bended knees of our Souls we give thee most hearty thanks for all thy unspeakable blessings with which thou hast continually preserved us, and for thy gracious Providence over us unto this day. Let us remember before

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fore thee the times of our distractions, when with frightened horror we did run and fly for our lives in the sight of death, and thy destroying Angel, which thou hadst set with his drawn Sword in the midst of our great City, & in divers parts of this Land; yet as we fled, knowing we could not fly from thee, & finding our sins hang fast on us, we looked every hour to fall into the Pit, or to be reached by thy hand. Heaven indeed stood open to receive the Godly, and happy they that went thither; but Hell gaped also to receive the Wicked and Ungodly, and woe to them

Thankful

them for ever. The Bells
were still tolling to call
some or other to their last
home, & our hearts always
trembling for fear of our
selves, or our eyes weeping
for loss of our Friends:
wheresoever we went, at
home or abroad, griefs and
lamentations were our
Companions, sighs & tears
our Comforter, whilst woe
and misery were our daily
Objects. The dross of this
World was then worth
nought; we would have gi-
ven all that we had, so we
might have bribed Death,
& taken any condition for
longer Life: But no Man
might ransom himself, or
re-

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redeem his Brother. The
raging Pestilence took a-
way the rich with the poor,
the young with the aged, &
leaving our houses desolate
did fill our Sepulchers with
the Dead. But now when
thine Angry Countenance
had a while been bent a-
gainst us to make us look
back upon our selves, and
we were almost past hopes;
when in our judgment the
flying sickness was most
likely to scatter further into
all parts of the Land, then
when we were in the midst
of this misery, thou re-
membredst thy mercy, then
thou of thy great goodness,
& free favour, turn'dst thy
fury

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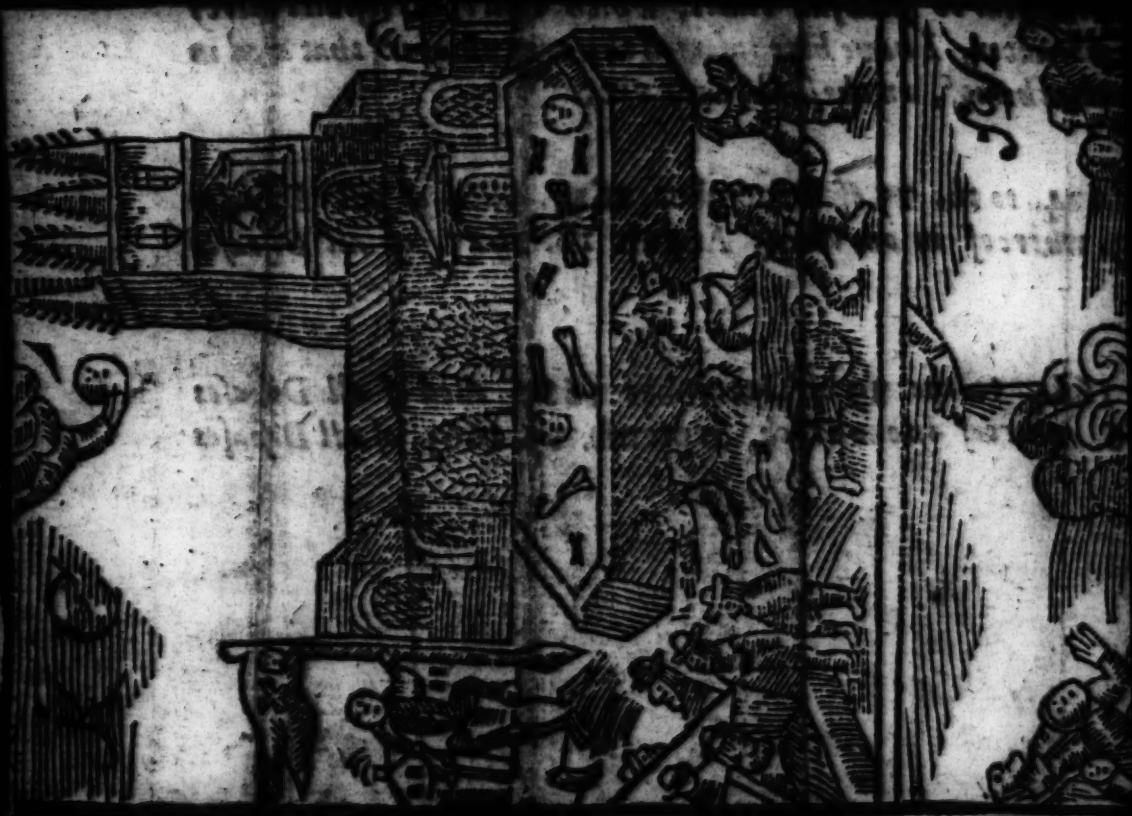
fury to clemency; & when
in Justice thou mightest
have swept us all from the
face of the Earth, & never
more to let us have been
People, then commanded
thou the slaying Angel to
sheath his Sword, & in the
midst of this our desola-
tion, it pleased thee most
wonderfully to command
health and salvation, & to
restore us suddenly to joy
and gladness. We saw thy
great mercies, O Lord, far
to surpass our hope; and
the World doth see and
know that thou art more
merciful, than we can be
thankful, thou hast resto-
red health & comfort again

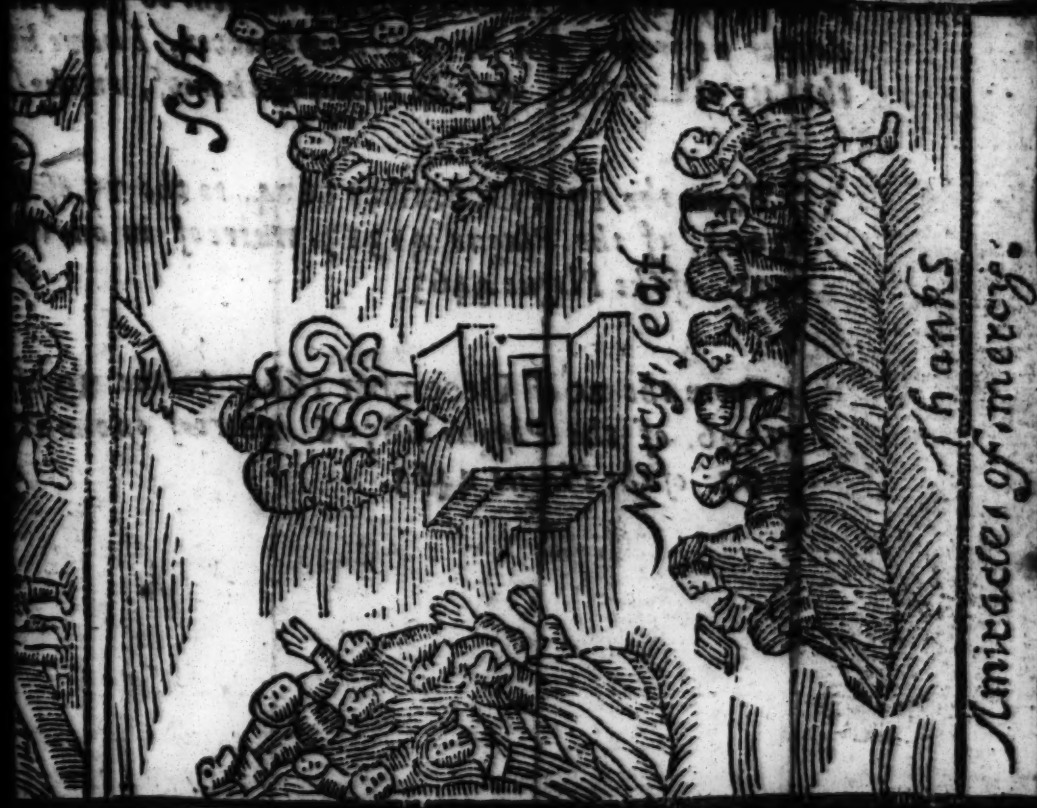
Remembrance:

into us, and given yet a longer day to thine unprofitable Servants; thou hast offered us conditions of peace, if we shall not now be unmindful of them. Lord make every one of us whom thou hast preserved from, or delivered out of the jaws of Death, wisely careful to make a right use of this respite, & to redeem the time, that none of us return with the Dog to his Vomit, to run any longer after those sins that would make us run from our houses, & from our dearest Friends, & will if we go on in them without repentance, find us with a vengeance, utter

Thanks

Is from thy blessed
seat: But, Lord, be
wonderful in restoring
Souls from the pit,
our prevailing sin,
were in delivering our
souls from that raging
sea, and settle our
in thy fear, that we
ever find thy favour
good Lord God, we
praise thee, make us
thankfully mindful of
great mercy to our
wonderful deliverance
of our Land, from
any form sickness, and
ful Plague, and accept
pray thee, this our
holy sacrifice, where
we offer up our





Web Prayers, and Thanksgivings petitioners to
deliver us from; and for a Remembrance, I have
the City of London, and the Liberty thereof, in

From the 17 of December 1664. to the 15
63001. of the Plague 41313. whereof is on
2505. of the Plague 4463.

From the 20 of December 1664. to the 1
77306. of the Plague 68596. whereof is on
3297. of the Plague 4463.

as previous to such full times, which had of late been very
uncommon, I have here inserted the true number that died in
August thereof, in the said Year, viz.

1624. to the 15 of December 1625. died of all Diseases
13. whereof in one Week, August 18. 1625. of all Diseases

1624. to the 19 of December 1665. died of all Diseases
96. whereof in one Week, Septemb. 19. 1665. of all Diseases

Remembrances.

with these our most hearty
Thanks and Prayers unto
Thee, in the Mediation of
Jesus Christ our Lord and
Saviour. *Amen.*



*Another thanksgiving for the
stay of the Plague, and our
deliverance from it, 1665.*

77 **W**E will magnifie
thee, O God,
our King, and will praise
thy Name for ever and
ever; because in the midst
of wrath, remembering mer-
cy, thou hast delivered our
Souls from death, and pre-
served us from the noylom

Thankful

Pestilence. It is not for our
righteousness, O Lord, nor
for the cleanness of our
Hands in thy sight, that
when Thousands better
than our selves have fallen
besides us, and Ten Thou-
sands at our right hand, de-
struction has not come nigh
us, but we yet remain alive,
as it is this day. 'Tis thou, O
Lord, who dost wound and
heal again, killest and mak-
est alive, bringest to Hell
and back from thence.
Thou hast vouchsafed a-
bove all humane Aids and
Means, such is thy Power
& Goodness, to command
thy Angel to stay his hand,
and spare us. We there-
fore

Remembrances.

fore offer up unto thee as
once, the oblation of heart-
ty thanksgiving for this our
great deliverance, and of
humble and earnest Prayer
for all those that are yet af-
flicted, beseeching thee for
thy Son Jesus Christ his
sake to be gracious unto
them & us, that both they
and we in joynt affection,
may acknowledge the Ju-
stice of thy Punishment,
and Record thine infinite
Mercy in sparing us mis-
erable sinners: And this we
do in the Name of thy Son,
and our Saviour, to whom,
with thee, and the Holy
Ghost, be all praise & glo-
ry now and ever. Amen.

P 3 Almighty

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Almighty God, who in
thy late dreadful Vi-
sitation, hast covered with
thy Hand thine Anointed
Servant our gracious Sovereign
Lord King *James*, so
that no evil has happened
unto him: And also hast
compassed with thy mer-
ciful protection, the Queen
and the whole Royal Fa-
mily, so that no Plague has
come nigh their Dwelling:
We acknowledge with all
thankfulness this thy di-
stinguishing, conspicuous
Mercy vouchsafed at once
unto his Majesty and his
Dominions: Beseeching
thee to continue still thy
gracious

Remembrances.

gracious goodnes towards
them, to the glory of thy
Name, and the welfare and
prosperity of thy Church;
and this we beg for Jesus
Christ his sake. *Amen.*

F I N I S.

Verſes of *MAN'S MORTALITY.*

With others.

Of the hope of his RESURRECTION.

78 **I** Like as the Damask Roſe you ſee,

Or like the Bloſſom on a Tree,

Or like the dainty Flower in May,

Or like the Morning to the Day,

Or like the Sea, or like the Skies,

Or like the Gourd which feeds the

Even such is Man, whose thread is spun,
Brazen out, and cut, and so is done.

The Rose withers, the Blossom blancheth,
The flower fades, the Morning hatcheth;
The Sun sets, the shadow flies,
The Gourd consumes, and Man he dies.

Like to the Grass that's newly sprung,

Or like a Tale that's new begun,

Or like the Bird that's here to day,

Or like the peacock's dew of May,

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Or

Or like the Beauty of Man's Mortality.

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Or like an Heart, for like a Span,

Or like the singing of a Swan.

Even such is Man who lives by breath,

Whence, now there, in life and death.

If the Grass withers, the Tale is ended,

If the Bird is flown, the Dew's increased,

If the flower is shorn, the Spad's not long,

The swan's nest death, Man's life is done.

Even such is Man, whose character is done.

If the

Like to the Bubble in the Brook;
Or in a Glass, much like a Look;
Or like the Shuttle in Weaver's hand,
Or like the Writing on the Sand,
Or like a Thought, or like a Dream,
Or like the gliding of the Stream;
Even such is Man, who lives and breaths,
Is here, now there, in life and death;
The Bubble's cut, the Look's forgot,
The Shuttle's flung, the Writing's blot.

The

Voyes of Man's Mortality.

The Thought is pass, the Dream is gone,
The Water glide, Man's life is done.

Like to an Arrow from the Bow,
Or like swift course of water flow,
Or like that cime, 'twixt Flood and Ebb,
Or like the Spider's tender Webb,
Or like a Race, or like a Gale,
Or like the destiny of a dole.

Even

Even such is Man, whose brittle fate
Is always subject unto Fate;

The Arrow's shot, the Flood soon spent,
The Time no Time, the Web soon rent,
The Race soon run, the Gole soon won,
The Pole soon dead, Man's life soon done,
Like to the Lightning from the Sky,

Or like a Post that quick doth hie,

Or like a Quaver in short Song,

Or like a Journey three days long;

Or

Of like's short *Perfection* - *Man's Mortality.*
Of like's *Transient* in *great power,*

Of like the snow when Summer's come,
Or like the Pear, or like the Plum.
Even such is Man, who heaps up sorrow,
Lives but this day, and dies to morrow.

The Lightning's past, the Post must go,
The Song is short, the Journey's so,
The Pear doth rot, the Plum doth fall,
The Snow dissolves, and so must all.

Verbs

Verſes.

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On MANS RESURRECTION.

Ike to the Seed put in Earth's Womb;
Or like dead Lazarus in his Tomb,
Or like Tabitha being all dead,
Or Juſus like within the deep;
Or like the Night or Start by Day;
Which ſeem to vaniſh clean away;

Even

The BELLMAN'S SOUNDED.

For the Fifth of November

79. Wake Britain's Subjects all with one accord,

A Extol and Praise, and Magnific the Lord.

Humble your selves, and with Devotions sing

Praises of thanks to God for our most gracious King.

This was the Night, when in a darksome Cell,

Treason was found in Earth, but hatch'd in Hell.

And

The Bell Man's sound for the Fifth of November.

And had it took effect, what would avail our sorrow !
The train being laid to have blown's up o' th' morrow.
Yet God, our Guide, reveal'd the damned Plot,
And they themselves destroy'd, and we were not.
Then let us not forget him thanks to render,
That hath preserv'd and kept our Faith's Defender.

THE BELL-MAN'S SOUND.

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The BERSERKER'S SONG: KIM:

80 THE Night's well spent, the day draws nigh;
Awake from keep and sin desc.

All Anguish Noth expel away,
Have still in mind the Judgment Day,
When Dead shall rise, and Trumpets Call,
The Graves shall open wide withal.
Awake from sleep, awake from sin,
With voice and heart to call on him.

Who

Who from above pleas'd to descend;
From Satan's Malice us to defend.

Our forfeit Souls to that rich Grace;
Where we may still behold his Face;

Let us repair, and God implore,

That henceforth we transgress no more,

And that our joy be at this tide;

That we in him be satisfi'd:

Then shall we all for his dear sake

Be blest asleep, be blest awake;

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